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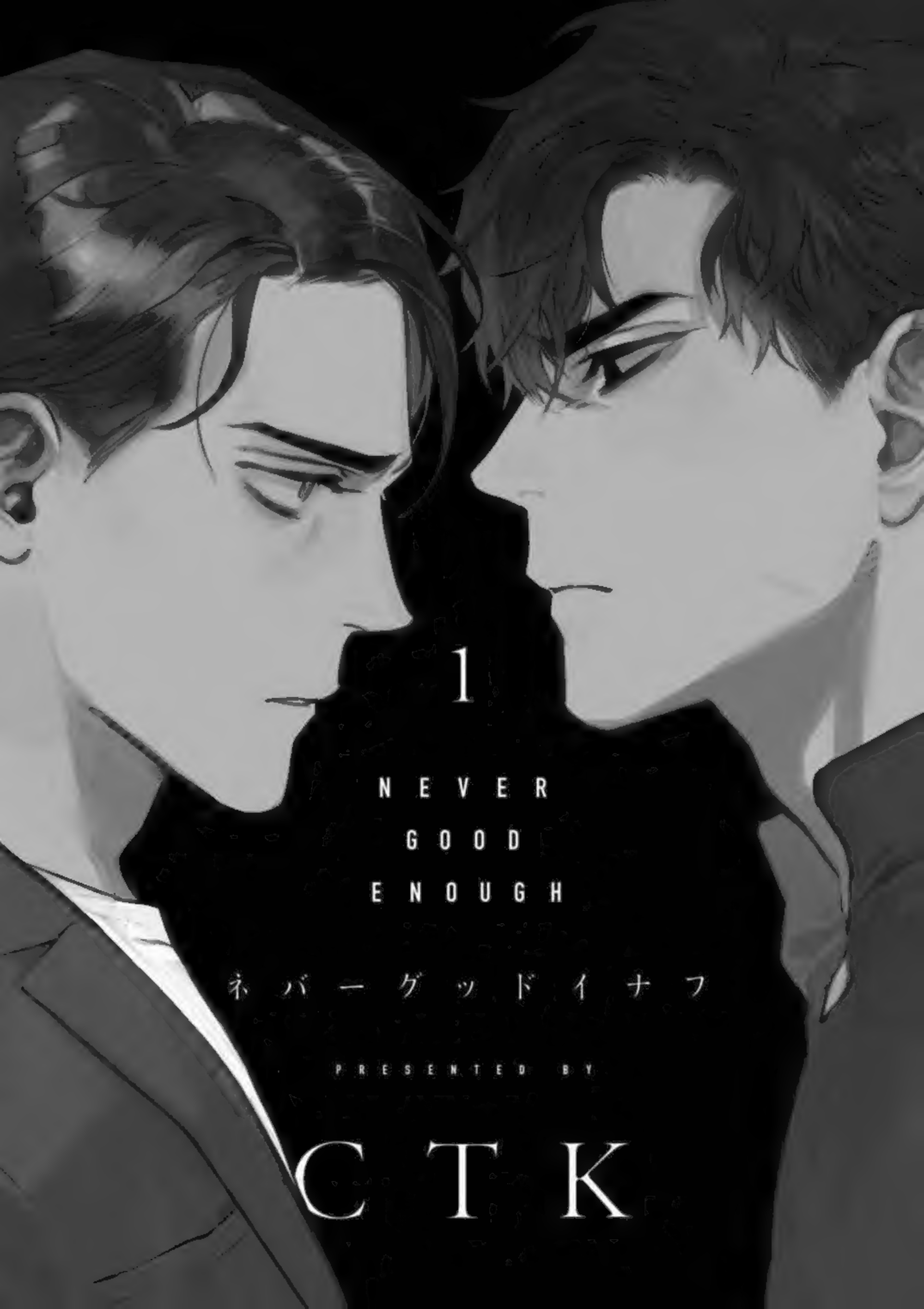

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AH, IT'S SO NICE.
Last summer
He said to me: 'I took some time off work, let's go to a resort together.'
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO TODAY?
episode 1
The weather, the food, the hotel... Everything was perfect. And then...
LOUIS.
MM?

LET'S
BREAK UP.
HUH?
I got dumped.

DON'T WE HAVE RETURN SEATS BOOKED RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER?

I mean, that'd just be pathetic.

THAT'S GONNA BE AWKWARD ...

I was so shocked, my mind switched to being hyper-rational.

YOU KNOW THE BUSINESS I'M SUPPOSED TO SUCCEED? MY FATHER GAVE ME A CONDITION ON THAT.

The reason was so dumb I'd be ashamed to tell anyone.

I HAVE TO MARRY WITHIN ONE YEAR.

It didn't even appear to me to try to stop him.

YOU UNDERSTAND I HAVE NO CHOICE, RIGHT?

The love that dragged on for 7 years...

Ended at once.

LOUIS!

THE FALL TERM IS STARTING TODAY, BUT HOW WAS YOUR HOLIDAY?

I couldn't do anything.

Even though my holidays ended, I couldn't focus at work.

That's life, as long as people meet, they'll also part.

We've dated since our university days after all.

"I'm Nickolas Thompson, just call me Nick. And you are?"

"Louis."

"You also came here straight after finishing your undergraduate? Nice to meet you."

"Is this seat open?"

I just need more time to forget.

THEODORE THOMPSON...

Let's finish here for today.

HM?

SURE.

HE'S THAT GUY WHO SAT AT THE BACK...

...SPEAK TO YOU FOR A MOMENT?

COULD I...

...?!
COUGH!
COUGH!
There's no one from school here, right?
...
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME AND HIM?!

ARE YOU MARRYING NICK?
PUFOO!

YOU TOOK ATTEN-DANCE BEFORE, RIGHT?
I'M THOMP-SON.

SO?
HOVER
ARE YOU?
GETTING MARRIED?

SIBLINGS? I HAVE ONE BROTHER.
WE DON'T GET ALONG.
AH, RIGHT.
OH... I SEE... SO YOU'RE NICK'S YOUNGER BROTHER!
I REMEM-BER ASKING HIM BEFORE.
HUUH.

YOU'RE HIS BROTHER AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THIS MUCH?

!

WE SPLIT UP. I'M NOT THE ONE HE'S MARRYING.

NO...

BUT IT SEEMS I WAS WRONG, AFTER ALL.

I MEAN, THERE'S NO WAY NICK WOULD MARRY SUCH A BORING MAN.

What?!

WELL, OF COURSE HE WOULDN'T TELL YOU, I GUESS.

NO...

Why do I have to put up with this shit from a guy I just met?

BESIDES, SOMEONE LIKE NICK WOULD BE WASTED ON JUST ABOUT ANYONE.

WELL, YOU'VE DATED FOR A WHILE SO AT LEAST YOU WERE QUITE DEVOTED TO HIM.

SO, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO IS HE MARRYING THEN?

IT WAS ACTUALLY ME WHO DUMPED HIM. YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO IS HE MARRYING ARE A BIT RUDE, DON'T YOU THINK?
ABOUT THAT...
NOW I'VE DONE IT!
BUT SINCE IT SEEMS YOU AREN'T QUITE UP TO DATE, LITTLE BROTHER, I'LL KINDLY ENLIGHTEN YOU.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD'VE DONE, HAD HE PROPOSED TO ME BACK THERE.
HE EVEN INVITED ME TO VACATIONS IN LAST HOPE TO CHANGE MY MIND.
I BROKE UP WITH HIM IN SUMMER, BUT HE STILL CAME AFTER ME.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT UTTER LIES ARE LEAVING MY MOUTH!

BUT THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH MONEY CAN BUY, I GUESS...

YOU KNOW, *THAT*.

YOUR BROTHER IS QUITE AN ANNOYING TYPE, REALLY. I THINK THE ONLY REASON I'VE DATED HIM FOR SO LONG WAS...

NOW HE'S MAD!

WHOO, WHAT A FACE!

Are you bitter because I'm bad mouthing your family?

That's some dramatic wording there...

It was you who started this off rudely.

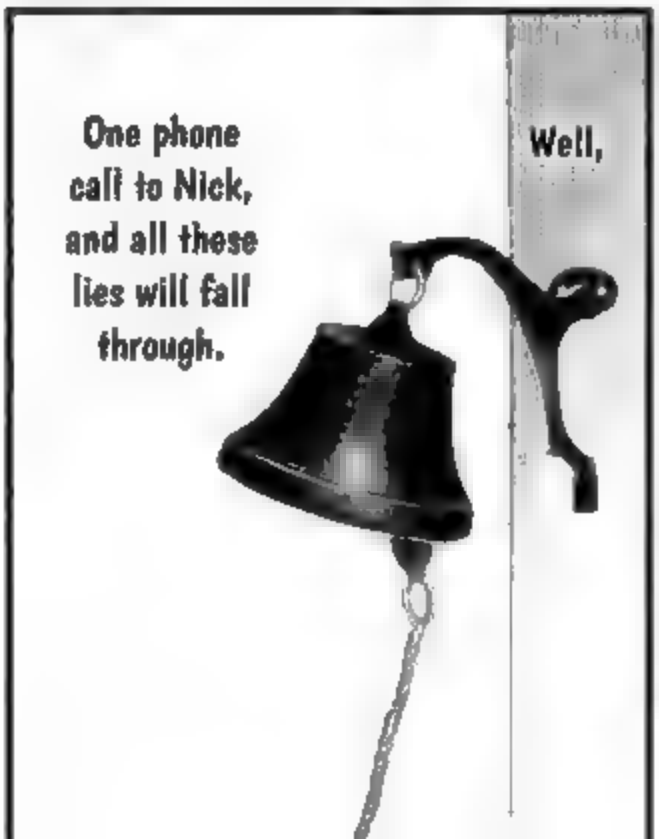
...

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU'RE SAYING YOU'VE ABANDONED HIM?

IN FACT, IT MIGHT ALSO BE WHY YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIS RECENT ENDEAVORS.

I SUSPECT HE STILL HASN'T FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME, YOU SEE?



I'LL ENJOY THIS SMALL VICTORY FOR NOW!

IT'S FINE!

WE'LL PROBABLY MEET IN CLASS AFTER THAT, BUT WHATEVER!

IF HE COMPLAINS I'LL JUST IGNORE IT!

You're telling me someone like Nick tried to keep such a guy...

And failed...?

Squeeze

Really,

IT *IS* UNLIKE NICK NOT TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS THIS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT...

BESIDES, HE GAVE OFF THE IMPRESSION THEIR RELATION-SHIP WAS SERIOUS.

ISN'T A MARRIAGE TOO SUDDEN IN THE FIRST PLACE...?

AND WHY WERE YOU WAITING?

...

How did he know my home address?

Is it revenge?

He's gonna ambush me over a small lie?

That's scary...!

HUH...

I SEE... G-GOOD MORNING.

I WAS WAITING.

HE REALLY MEANT JUST WALKING.

GRIT

I...

...WANTED TO GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER.

HE'S SERIOUSLY WACK!

PROFESSOR, WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

FAVORITE SONG?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

FAVORITE BRAND?

THEN, WHAT MOVIES DO YOU LIKE?

UGH

THAT'S ONE BORING ANSWER.

TOO LATE TO MAKE A JOKE OUT OF IT...

WATCHING MOVIES?

WANNA FIGHT?

AH, I SEE, YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY...

GRADUATED FROM XX UNI, WHERE YOU REMAINED FOR DOCTORATE. YOUR THESIS TITLE WAS...

... 35 YEARS OLD, 5.9 FEET*, NO SIBLINGS.

HEY, WHAT DO YOU WANT?

BUT I...

...WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER THAN THAT.

SUCH THINGS ARE EASY TO FIND.

IF IT'S AN INTERVIEW, ASK ME MY ACADEMIC RECORDS OR SOMETHING!

*ca1 80cm

IT'S A FACT THAT YOU DATED NICK FOR A LONG TIME.

That again?

BUT THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU...

BROKE UP WITH HIM...

THERE'S NO ONE WHO COULD POSSIBLY HATE HIM.

NICK...

WHAT?

HE'S SPECIAL.

HE'S SMART AND CAPABLE, HE HAS NO FLAWS. THAT'S WHY EVERYONE LIKES HIM.

I CAN'T ACCEPT IT.

THAT'S JUST THE TRUTH.

OH, REALLY.

DOES IT MATTER IF YOU ACCEPT IT OR NOT, THOUGH?

SO...

PROFE-SSOR.
I WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU THOROUGHLY.
!
SQUEEZE
I WANT TO KNOW,
WHAT WAS IT THAT NICK SAW IN YOU!
SNAP!
I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING...!

What?

So he still doesn't know I was lying?

Seriously, what's up with him?

Did something happen between them?

His attitude and devotion to Nick sure aren't normal.

Maybe I should call him—

No matter how bad their relations,

Can't he make a single phone call? Was he estranged?

"It's not like you wanted to get married."

"You understand me, right?"

FINE.

DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN DO ONE THING HE COULDN'T. I DOUBT IT.

Clench
SOMEONE...
...THAT EVEN NICK COULDN'T KEEP...

episode 2

Campus library
BUT I DON'T THINK HE'D FOLLOW ME HERE.
AH, IT'S SO SILENT HERE...
THE WHOLE MORNING FELT AWKWARD,
RATTLE

...

I DON'T MIND.
I WOULDN'T CARE IF YOU GOT FIRED EITHER.
CAN'T I EVEN USE THE REFERENCE ROOM?
IT'LL BE BAD FOR BOTH OF US IF SOMEONE STARTS GOSSIPING.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO TALK TO ME AT SCHOOL?

THEN DO YOU WANT ME TO LIKE YOU, PROFESSOR?
DO YOU WANT ME TO HATE YOU THAT BAD?

DUNNO,

YOU TELL ME.

SO CHILDISH.

THE PREVIOUS EDITION HAD SOME MISTAKES, SO HE SAID HE'LL BE USING THE CORRECTED VERSION THIS TERM.

IS THAT ONE OF THE BOOKS PEGGY USES?

Peggy

That's an old one.

I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH A BRAT LIKE YOU!

Heh

Heh

Heh

FLIP

FLIP

FLIP

WHY WOULD NICK WANT SOMEONE LIKE HIM...

WILLIAM L. MEGGINSON

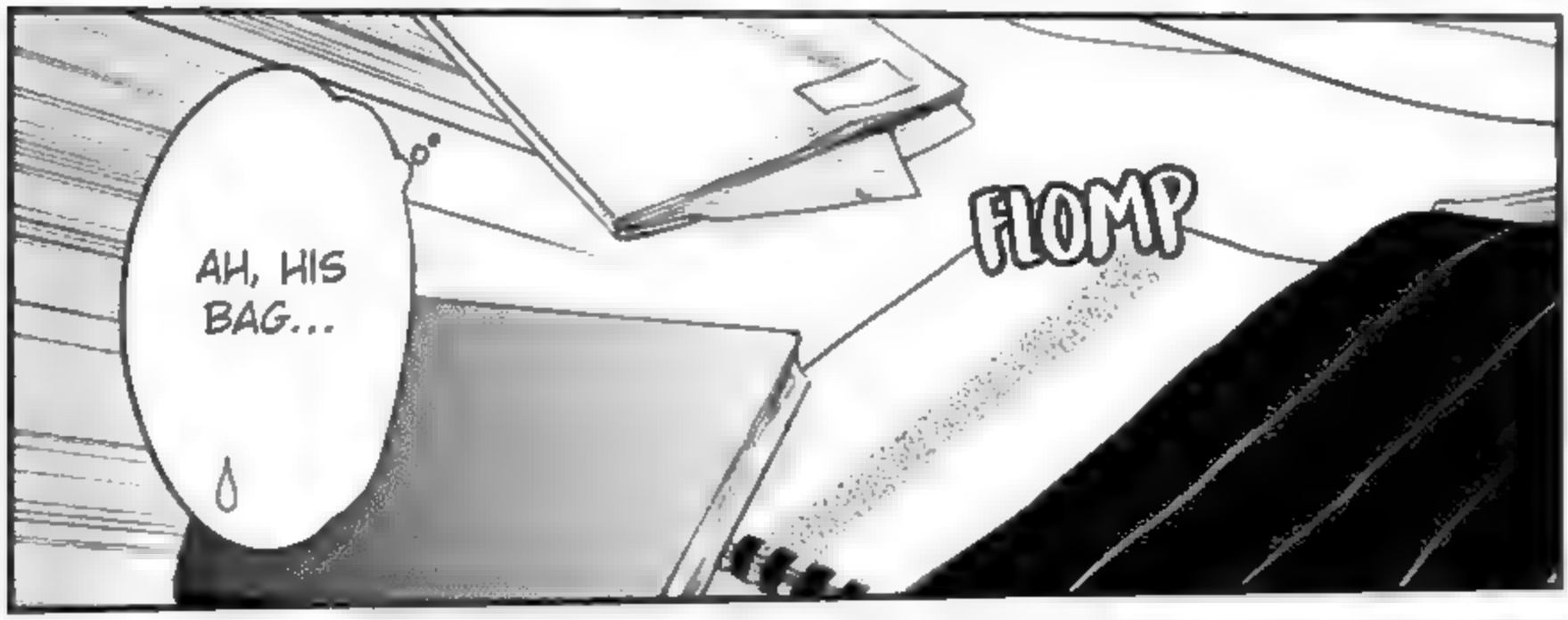
CORPO

Ha

TUG

SURPRI-SINGLY HE SEEMS QUITE DRIVEN WITH HIS STUDIES.
CLATTER
CLATTER

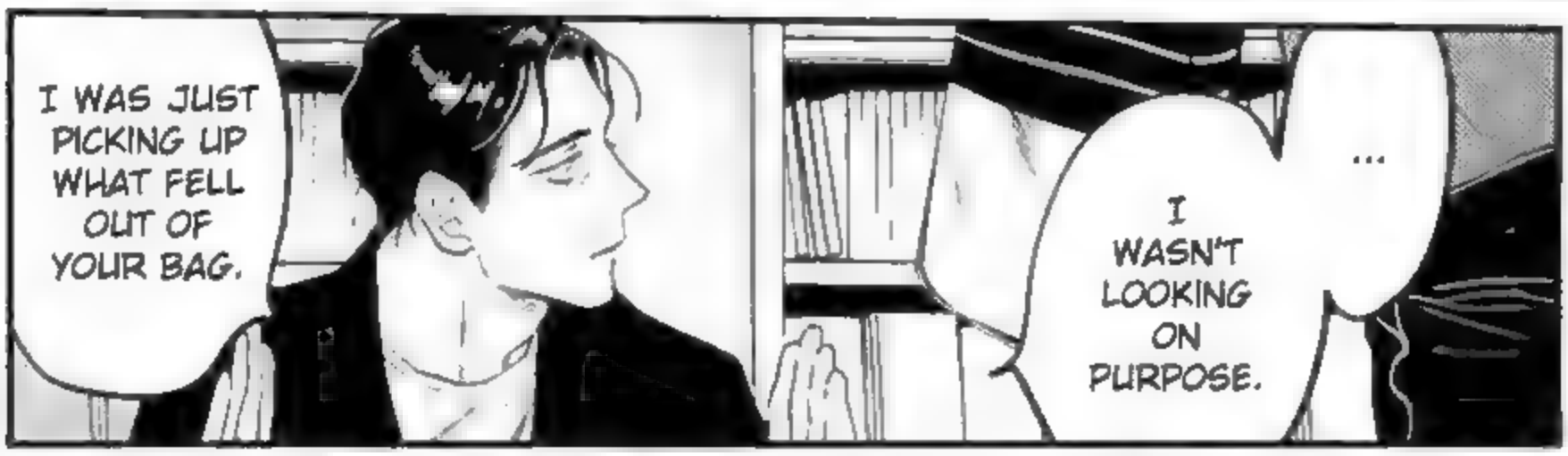
Doubt
I'M FRIENDS WITH HIM, THAT'S WHY I KNOW.
WHY WOULD I LIE ABOUT IT?

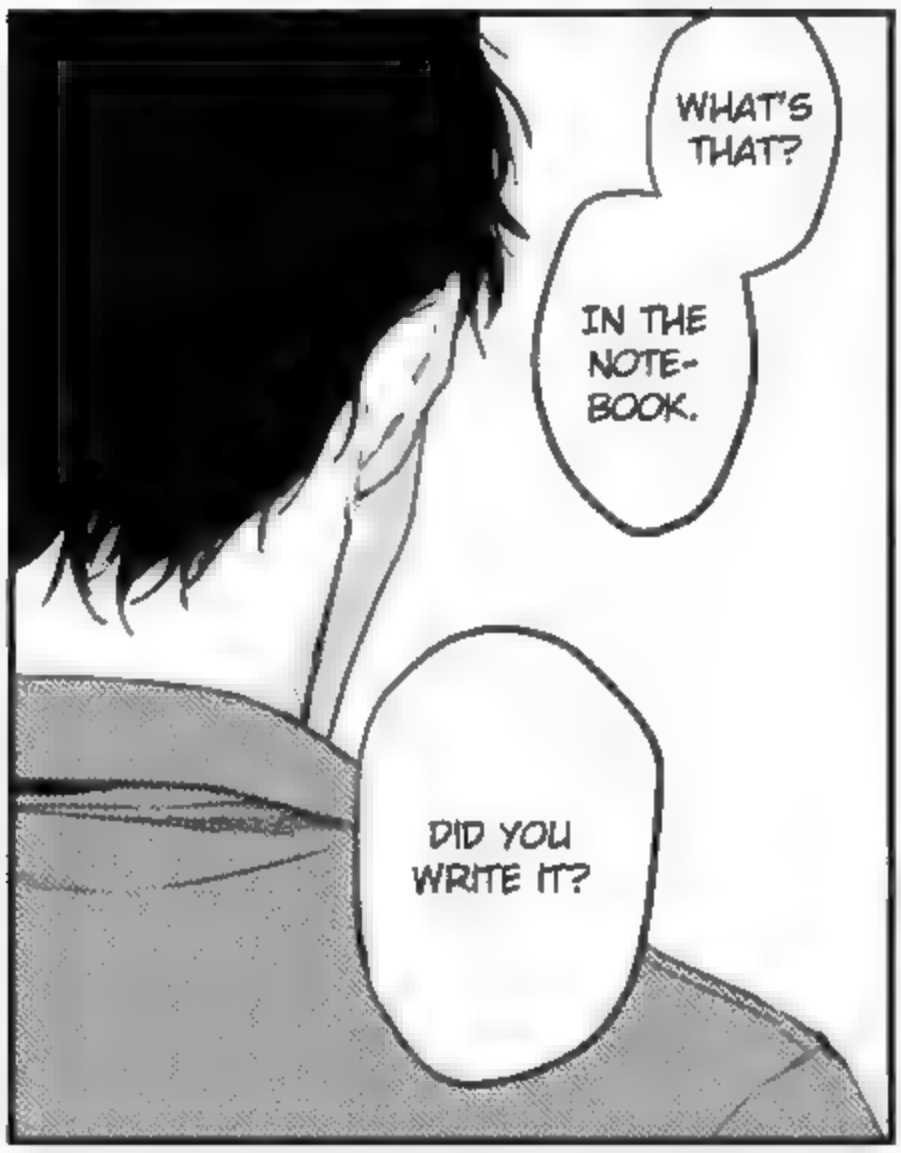

AH, HIS BAG...
FLOMP

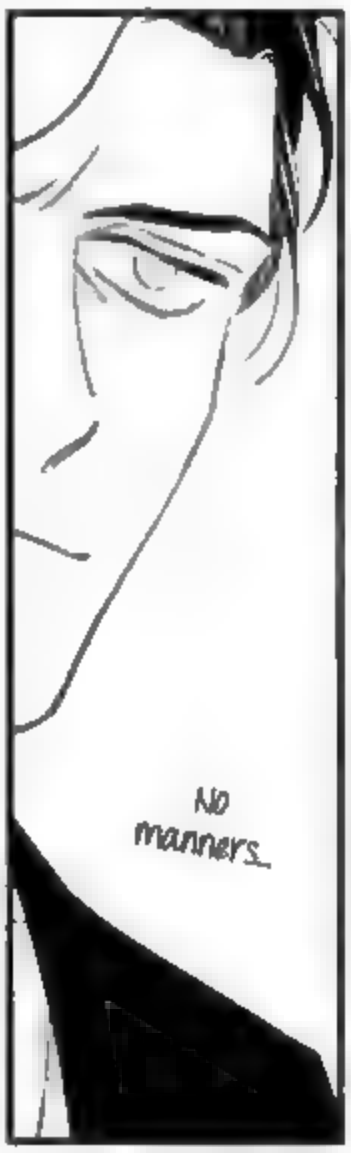
IT'S DENSELY PACKED WITH NOTES.
HE'S BEEN PUTTING IN EFFORT SINCE DAY ONE, HUH.
HM?

ALRIGHT, I'LL HELP LIKE THE GOOD GUY I AM...

THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE LECTURE NOTES.
...
A STORY?
RUSTLE
Startle


I WAS JUST PICKING UP WHAT FELL OUT OF YOUR BAG.
...
I WASN'T LOOKING ON PURPOSE.


WHAT'S THAT?
IN THE NOTE-BOOK.
DID YOU WRITE IT?


No manners.

"YOU'RE WELCOME"...
...
...

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ME?
IS IT?
THAT'S NOT YOUR BUSINESS.

I THINK IT'D BE MORE HONEST,
IF I GOT TO KNOW YOU TOO.

IT'S JUST TO KILL TIME.
DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS.

He got shy?

He's a kid alright.

SURE, I GET IT.

NICK

HAD NO TALENT FOR ANYTHING LITERARY.

I'M NOT CALLING YOU, SO DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING.

HOW DID YOU EVEN GET MY PRIVATE NUMBER...?

WHAT-EVER.

I'LL JUST REPORT YOU TO THE POLICE LATER.

PLEASE CALL ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH WORK.

I JUST SENT YOU MY NUMBER.

I'LL GET HOME AROUND 8PM, HUH.

GOOD-BYE!

SEE YOU!

I have...

THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU.

...A bad feeling about it.

LOUIS,

YEAH?

I'LL TAKE A NICE SHOWER AND EAT DINNER THEN.

I WANNA GAIN TENURE SOON, DAMN IT.

I'M KNACKERED.

I'm counting on you

Yes.

Can you sort this out until tomorrow morning?

I have an urgent business to attend.

...

NO WAY.

WAIT, AM I FORGETTING SOMETHING?

I FEEL LIKE DRINKING.

BUT THERE'S NO ONE I CAN INVITE OUT AT THIS HOUR..

...

SO, YOU CALLED ME AFTER ALL.

THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN NEW YORK IS 21...

I just hit the right age recently

...RIGHT.

YOU'VE NEVER CAME WITH FRIENDS?

I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.

...

IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME AT A BAR?

SERIOUSLY?

HEY, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.

IT WAS USUALLY HIM WHO INVITED FIRST.

BESIDES, IT'S MY TREAT TODAY.

YOUR BROTHER COULD HOLD HIS DRINK THOUGH.

WELL, IT HAPPENS, I GUESS...

TWO BEERS.

...

HE WAS A GOOD DRINKING BUDDY,

HE DIDN'T GET DRUNK EASILY, AND HE TREATED OFTEN.

Gulp

THEN, CHEE—

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

HAA

AH!

Gulp Gulp Gulp Gulp

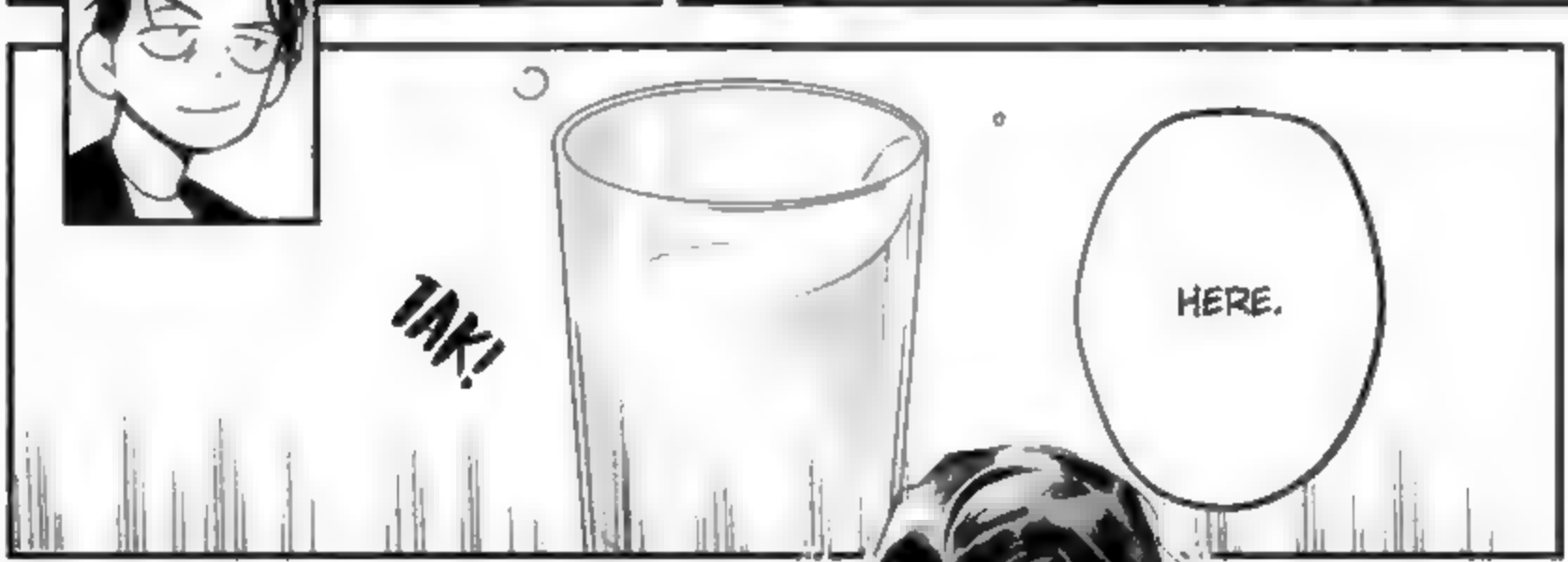
WHAT DID MY BROTHER USE TO DRINK?

Wipe

HUH?

WELL...
THAT'S HOW YOU'RE PLAYING?

YOU SAID HE COULD DRINK A LOT. BEER, WHAT ELSE?


TAK!
HERE.

...THE STRONGEST ONE HE COULD DOWN.
THAT'S...

I THINK IT'S A BIT TOO STRONG FOR YOU, SO WHAT WILL YOU DO?

MR. BROTHER ISSUES?

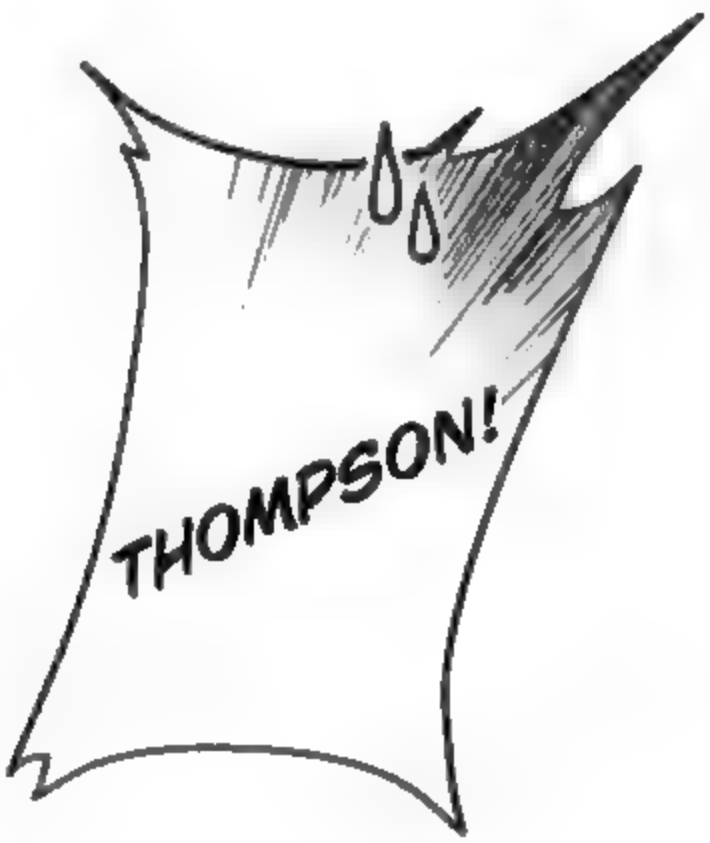
...

Gulp!

YEAH, SHOTS ARE BETTER TAKEN AT ONCE!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT~

NOW LET'S SEE IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE WEAKLINGS WHO LEAVE HALF AT THE BOTTOM...
THUD!


THOMPSON!

flesh

flesh

Tsuzuri
-psst
Wake up
UU...
UGH...
Blink
DID YOU COME TO?
THANKS GOD!
When

YOU BANGED YOUR HEAD PRETTY HARD, DOES IT HURT MUCH?

I THOUGHT SOME COLD AIR MIGHT HELP YOU, SO I BROUGHT YOU OUTSIDE. ARE YOU CHILLED?

RUB

RUB

WANNA GO TO THE HOSPI-TAL?

UH!

SORRY ...

...IT WAS MY BAD.

HE'S TREATING ME LIKE A KID...

I'M YOUR TEACHER AND YET I SPURNED YOU ON...

I'LL CALL THE TAXI, SO WAIT HERE.

...LET GO.

GEEZ,

S... SURE.

THAT'S GOOD.

I'M FINE.

WHEW.

NOW THAT YOU'RE FINE, IT REMINDS ME...

DON'T NEED IT.

Toss

IT'S HIS JACKET...

I'D LIKE TO ORDER A TAXI,

THE ADDRESS IS...

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET TO SEE BOTH BROTHERS IN SUCH PITIFUL STATE.

I TOLD YOU NICK WAS A GOOD DRINKER,

BACK WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER AND DIDN'T KNOW THE LIMITS, HE HAD TIMES WHEN HE GOT PISSED DRUNK TOO.

HE DID GET COMPLETELY WASTED THAT ONE TIME.

WELL, IT NEVER GOT THAT BAD, BUT IT WAS CLOSE.

WHY ARE YOU SO FAMILIAR OUT OF THE BLUE?

DID HE EVER PASS OUT?

DON'T WORRY, ONCE YOU GRASP YOUR LIMITS, IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN TO YOU EITHER.

Stop playing smooth.

It pisses me off.

Like you're laughing at me!

STOP TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD.

BESIDES, YOU *ARE* STILL A KID.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO,

IT'S JUST A STORY HOW YOU AND NICK ARE THE SAME IN THAT.

Hah

ME AND NICK ARE THE SAME?

THOUGH I WAS BEING A BIT CHILDI-

THEN, WOULD YOU SPREAD YOUR LEGS FOR ME...

...JUST LIKE YOU DID FOR HIM?

Just stop...

Ignoring me!

Step

GETTING DRUNK TOGETHER,

Get angry!

DON'T TELL ME YOU DIDN'T FUCK AFTERWARDS.

!!
clang!
LICK

SHOVE!
DIDN'T LIKE IT?
NO?
WHAT ARE YOU...!
YOUR BROTHER,
WOULD HAVE ENJOYED THAT.

WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING THAT MOUTH FOR, IF YOU GET COLD FEET FROM ONE KISS?
SPIT
YOU COWARDLY BASTARD.
...

NO, THANKS!

HEY, THE TAXI'S HERE, TAKE IT.

episode 3

KA-SHANG!
THUMP

ARGH, SERIOUSLY...
ガタガタ

SWAT
WHATEVER.

IT'LL BE A PROBLEM IF HE DIES IN A DITCH OR SOMETHING.
IT'S MY FAULT FOR MAKING HIM DRINK.
step

THE STATION'S THAT WAY.
HEY, WALK PROPERLY.
...
DON'T FOLLOW ME.
I'M NOT TRYING TO FOLLOW YOU??
I'M ALSO RIDING THE SUBWAY?

WATCH OUT, I SAID!
UGH, MY HEAD HURTS.
H...
HEY!
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THAT TAXI...
LOOK OUT!
GRAB
!
LET GO!

OFF...

HEY, WILL YOU KNOCK IT...

WHAT?

YOU DO REALIZE YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO ME FIRST BEFORE SNAPPING?

...

I...

I COULDN'T DO IT.

I JUST SAID THAT BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO IGNORE ME.

I'D BE SCARED.

I DON'T THINK I COULD DO IT... SEX, I MEAN.

EVEN IF YOU'D AGREED...

SO YOU PROBABLY DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO DO IT WITH EITHER.

YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS,

I MEAN, YEAH.

...NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

TO FUCK SOMEONE YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE...

DON'T TELL ME,

YOU'RE SCARED...

...THAT YOU COULDN'T FUCK ME AS WELL AS NICK COULD?

SERIOUSLY, YOU'RE MORE...

I KNOW!

I'M NOT AN OBJECT, DO I REALLY HAVE TO TELL YOU SO YOU UNDERSTAND?

SERIOUSLY, YOU KEEP FINDING NEW WAYS TO SURPRISE ME.

DID YOU THINK ABOUT IT SINCE OUR FIRST MEETING?

AND YET YOU SAID WE WERE THE SAME SO EASILY...
I CAN'T DRINK AS WELL AS HIM, I'M NOT NEARLY AS SMART, AND MY PERSONALITY IS TWISTED!
THERE'S NOT ONE THING TO LIKE!
EVERYONE SAYS SO!
EVEN I REALIZE HOW FUCKED UP AND CREEPY I AM!
EVEN THOUGH I'M JUST HIS GOOD FOR NOTHING BROTHER!

...

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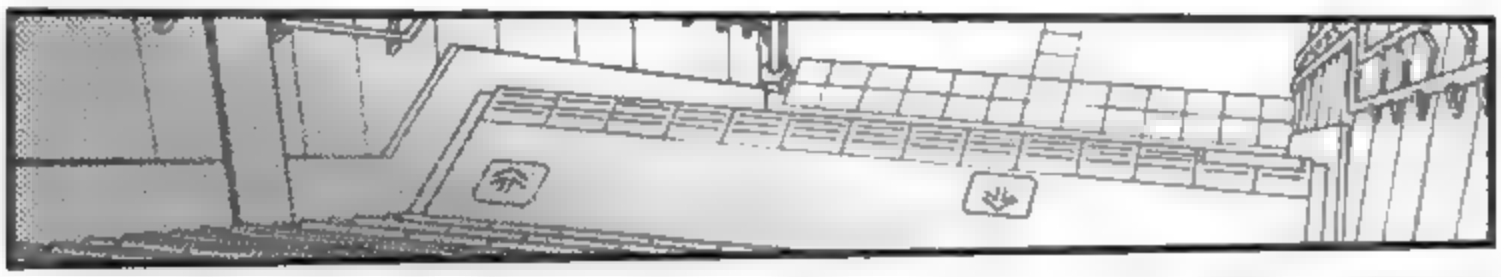


"MY BROTHER..."

HM?
IT'S KINDA AWKWARD.

"COMPARED TO HIM~

"I'M JUST NOBODY~"

...

"MY OLDER BROTHER ...

...IS SUPER SMART AND ADMIRABLE~"

"I ALSO WANNA BE JUST LIKE MY BROTHER~"

BECAUSE IT LOOKED LONELY?

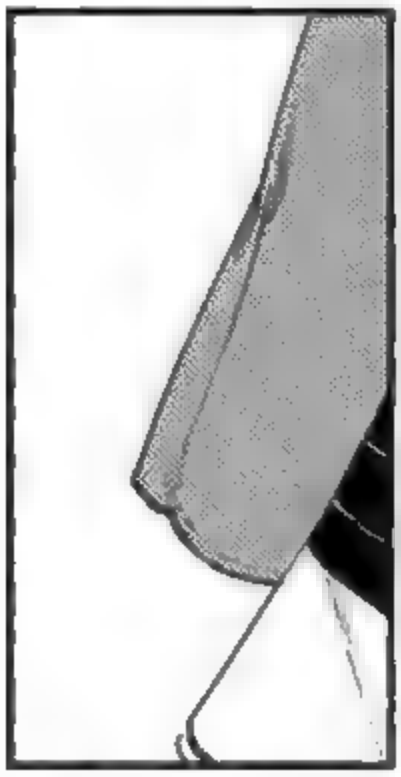
PLEASE STOP.

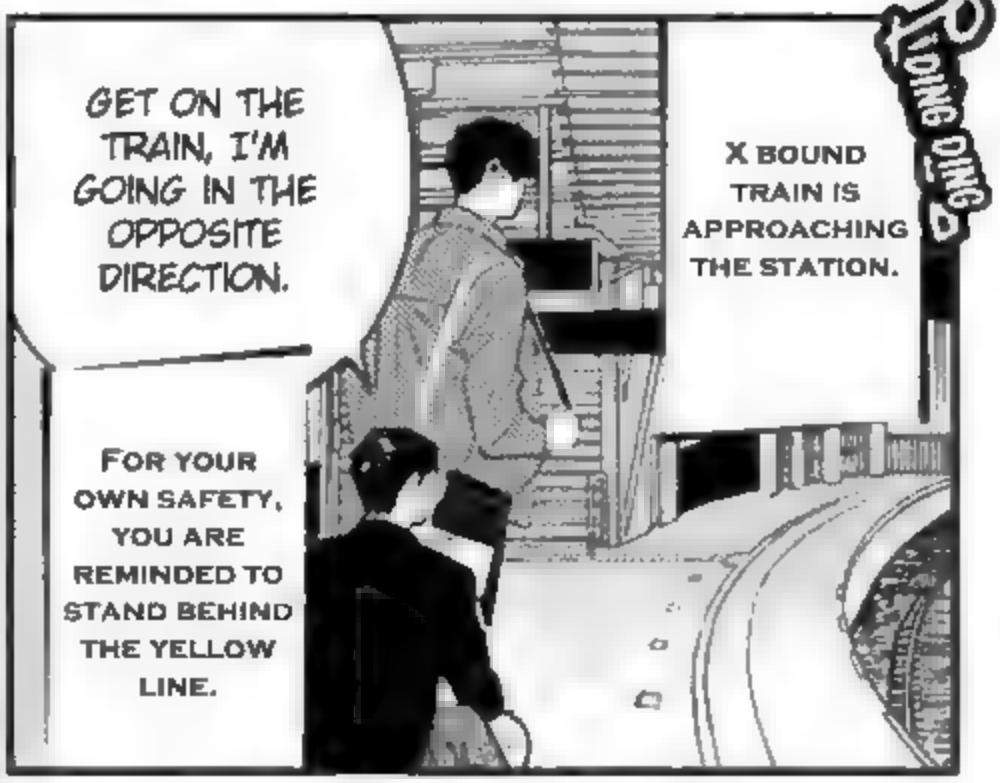
WHY DID YOU PICK UP THAT SCRAP?

YOU KNOW,

I GOT CARRIED AWAY AND SAID TOO MUCH...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BECOME LIKE HIM.





PLEASE MIND THE GAP BETWEEN THE TRAIN AND THE PLATFORM EDGE...

THIS WAS A LONG, TOUGH DAY, BECAUSE OF HIM.

STAND CLEAR OF THE CLOSING DOORS.

GO FUCK YOURSELF!

RATTLE

'SO CHILDISH!'

IS WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, HUH?

YOU'RE EASY TO READ.

OH WELL,

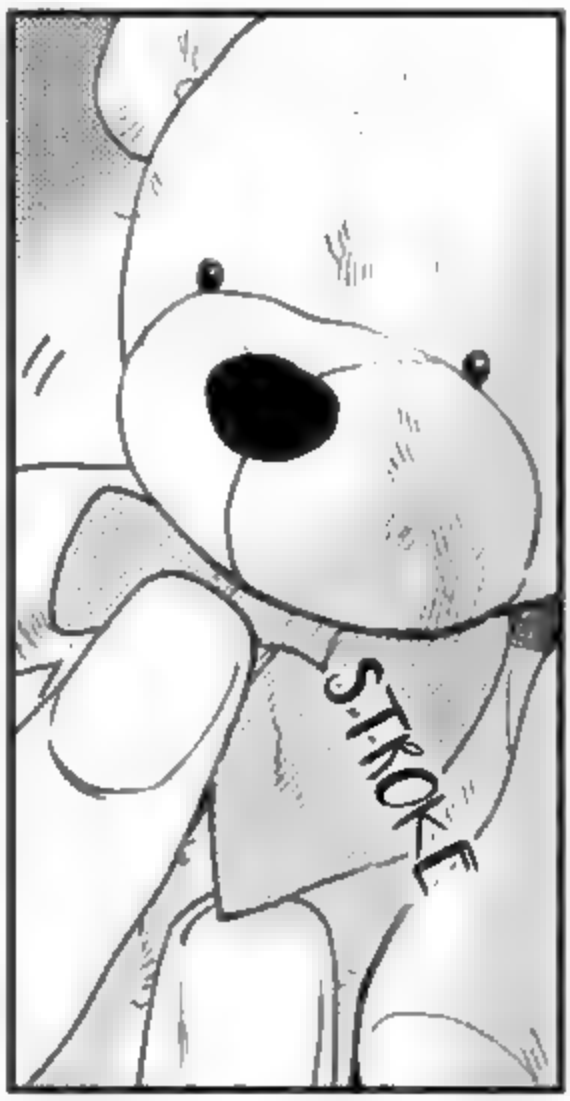
LET'S SAY BYE BYE FOR TODAY.

RATTLE

RATTLE

RATTLE

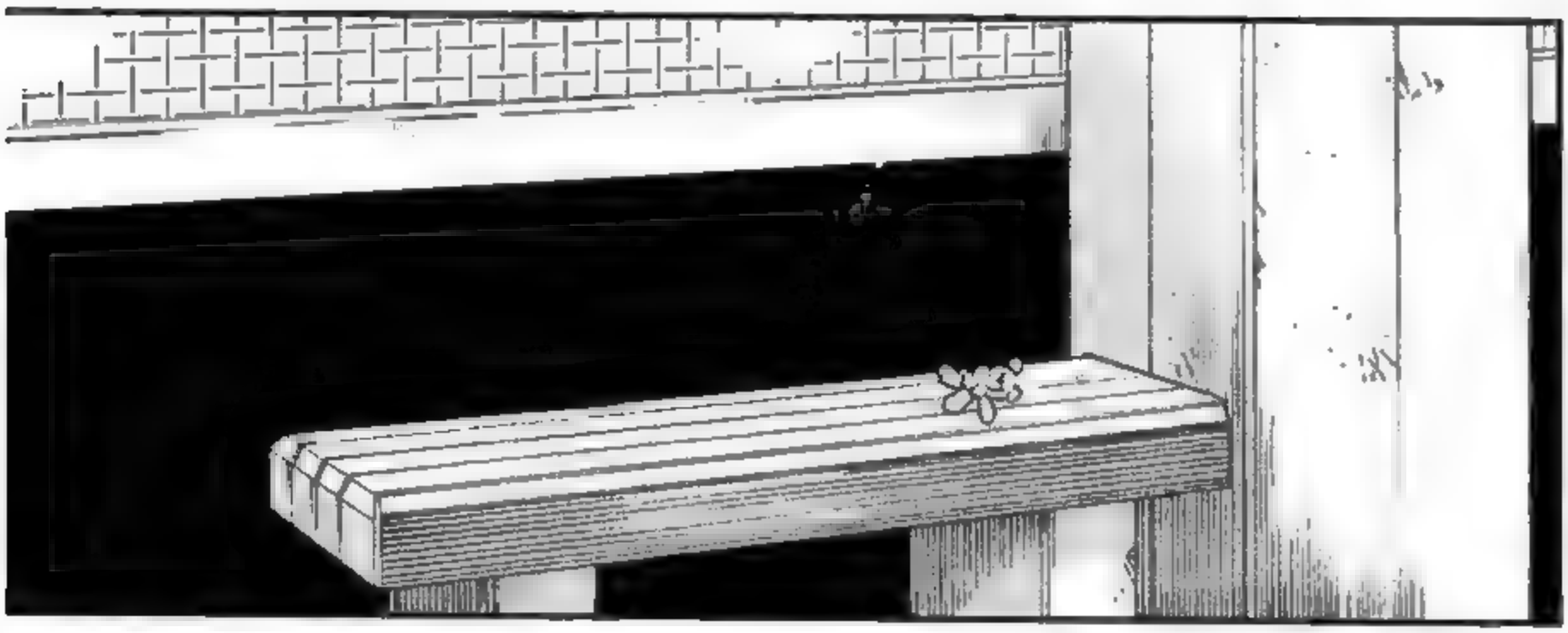
RATTLE


STROKE

I couldn't get Nick out of my head.
To be honest,
The whole time I was with him,

It seems he's not
the only one...

...Obsessed with
that man.



I guess,

I don't have to hate Nick,
to keep thinking of him.

One week later.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR ESSAYS UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

YES

SURE

CLANG

Chatter

SLAM!

...RY

WHAT?

WHAT THE...?

MOVE.

I'VE SAID SOME RUDE THINGS TO YOU BEFORE.

I'M SORRY.

PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING YOU'VE SAID TO ME FROM THE START WAS RUDE.

FOR THE LAST WEEK YOU'VE BEEN PRETENDING NOTHING HAPPENED AND SUDDENLY YOU DECIDE TO APOLOGIZE?

FOR WHATEVER THE REASON, IT'S LIKE YOU WANTED ME TO HATE YOU.

...

SO WHY WOULD YOU APOLOGIZE NOW?

...

GLOOM...

EH, I'LL LET HIM OFF EASY THIS TIME.
...HOW DID YOU FEEL AFTERWARDS, DID YOU HURT?
sigh
AND REGRET IT LATER.
WELL, HE'S AT THIS AGE WHERE HE'D GET DRUNK,
YOU SEEM FINE NOW...
A LOT...
IT HURT,
!

...

??

OH... REALLY?

I DIDN'T GET OUT OF BED FOR A WHOLE DAY!

AND THE PLACES I SCRATCHED FALLING DOWN STUNG!

I HAD A TERRIBLE HEADACHE, AND I FELT SICK...

...

!

I THINK YOU SHOULD GIVE UP ON DRINKING.

Hah

YOU REALLY ARE DIFFERENT AFTER ALL.

For the last week,

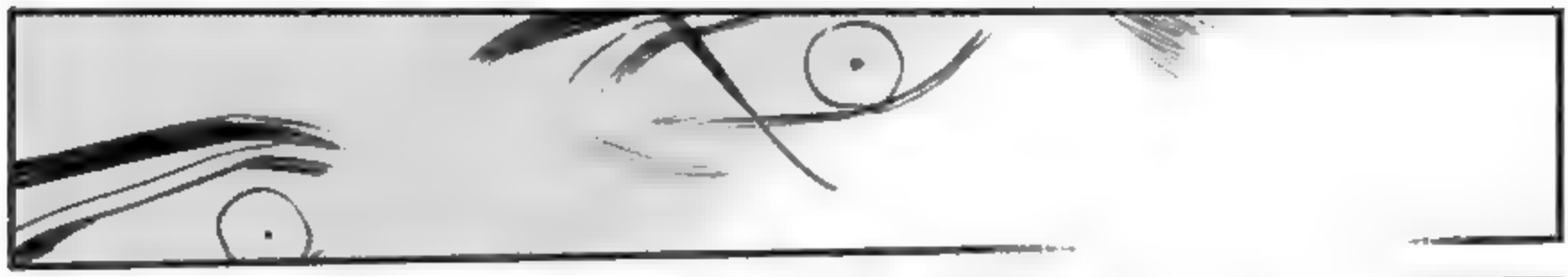
I've been thinking.

And I decided,

I have to stop taking it out on this kid.

I should explain to him that I lied,

And then we'll go on our separate ways.



Even though I had my resolve set...

As soon as I saw the number,

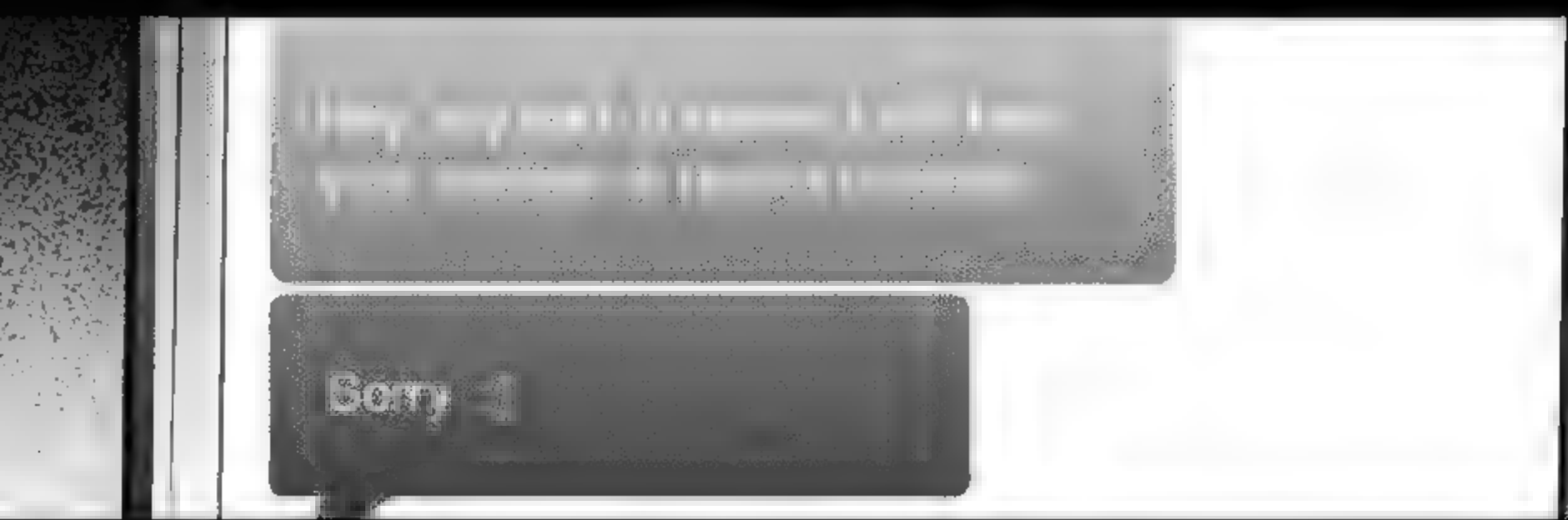
I knew instantly whose it was.

As well as some of him smiling happily.

There were a few of him with the bride, the wedding rings,

Among the pictures attached,

And in the texts that followed, he wrote:



As I was looking at that message with ire, only one thing crossed my mind:

I'm sure you only sent it because you knew I'd recognize your number.

A mistake? You liar!

YES?

You...

TWITCH

I want to crush it to pieces.

I need to break something, no matter what.

THEO.

You didn't shake off my grasp like before.

That's what you should've done, really.

I'm sorry.

IT'S MY FAULT YOU GOT HURT.

SO INSTEAD I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING NICK REALLY LIKED.

THIS TIME, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID.

You see, I'm no good either.

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DON'T WORRY.
NO ONE EVER COMES HERE WHEN THERE'S NO LECTURES.
Caution
Cleaning in progress
SAME AS BEFORE.

BEFORE...?
HUH?

IT'S NOTHING.
...

YEAH, WHAT ABOUT IT?
CLICK

OKAY.
I MEAN THE TIMES WHEN I'D BEEN STUDYING WITH NICK.

YOUR BROTHER REALLY LIKED TO DO IT IN PLACES LIKE THESE. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

WE'D HAVE OUR *STUDY SESSIONS* HERE, HEH.
AS SOON AS THIS FLOOR EMPTIED,

NOTHING IN PARTICULAR.
WHAT DO I THINK ABOUT IT?

SNICKER

DON'T STRESS IT.

LEAVE IT ALL TO ME.

SHIVER

YOU DON'T WANT TO BADMOUTH HIM,

SO THAT I WON'T COMPARE YOU, HUH?

TO ME IT JUST SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T WANT TO ADMIT YOUR COMPLEX TOWARDS HIM...

WHATEVER.

Slide

IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

I'LL BE BORROWING YOUR BAG.

...? SURE.

seriously in this context?

RIGHT,

IS THAT HOW YOU SPEAK TO YOUR PROFESSOR?

SHUT UP...

OH LOOK,

YOU'RE ALL HARD ALREADY.

Fondle Fondle

EVEN HIS BAG LOOKS EXPENSIVE.

FLOP

I DON'T WANT MY KNEES TO HURT OR GET DIRTY, YOU KNOW~

Oh

Slip
NOW THEN...
CLACK
UNZIP
IT'S... NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM NICK'S.
THEY'RE BUILD ALMOST THE SAME IN THE FIRST PLACE.

ARE BOTHERS ALWAYS SIMILAR IN THAT ASPECT?
TWITCH

IF THAT'S THE CASE...
...MY JAW'S GONNA HURT, HUH.

Lick
Lick
GRIP
Gulp
HAA...

Suck
Suck
Swallow

Mm
Mm...
Suck
Suck
Slurp

Twitch
Twitch
Tremble
Uuh!
Uuh...
Suck
Suck
Suck

Jump
Step
DON'T YOU BACK OUT
YOUR HIPS!
AH!
Quickly
Quickly
Ah
Um
Mm
Ha
...Do something about this anger!
Gulp
I need to...

GRAB

!!

Haah

Drip

UGH!

!

Slide

SHIVER

GULP

Umhn

Uh...

AH
AAH!
TWITCH
TWITCH
DAMN IT,
I DON'T LIKE CUM IN MY MOUTH...
Grit
TAP

Slide
Hah!

Ah
Aah
GUSH
GUSH

YOU REALLY CAME AS YOU PLEASED, HUH...
Cough
Cough

GULP
UGH
Uuh
Haa...

!
OW

I DIDN'T TELL YOU BEFOREHAND NOT TO COME IN MY MOUTH.
'S FINE, IT'S FINE.
AH, UM...

NOW WE'RE EVEN, RIGHT?

...
WHY ...

SHHH
Glance

THAT WAS FOR MAKING YOU DRINK AND FOR THE HANGOVER.

WAIT A MOMENT BEFORE YOU LEAVE.
CLOSE
Pat
Pat
...
IT'S ENO-UGH.
IF HE BELIEVES THAT.

I'm a joke.

I got mad at a guy who dumped me,

So I blew his brother?

Who's the cheat now?

That's a good one.

I WOULDN'T WANT TO DATE ME EITHER.

WHAT, WANT ONE?

YOU SMOKE?

YEAH... ON OCCA-SION?

I did.

Didn't you know every-thing?

...

...

SNICKER

IF YOU WANT ONE, YOU CAN PAY ME 10$ EACH!

SWOOP!

JUST KIDDING!

BUT...
WHY DID HE GET SO OBEDIENT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
REGRETTING IT ALREADY?
...
I'M GOING HOME.
IS IT THE SHOCK BECAUSE I TOOK HIS FIRST KISS?
SURE, WATCH OUT FOR YOURSELF.

Tap

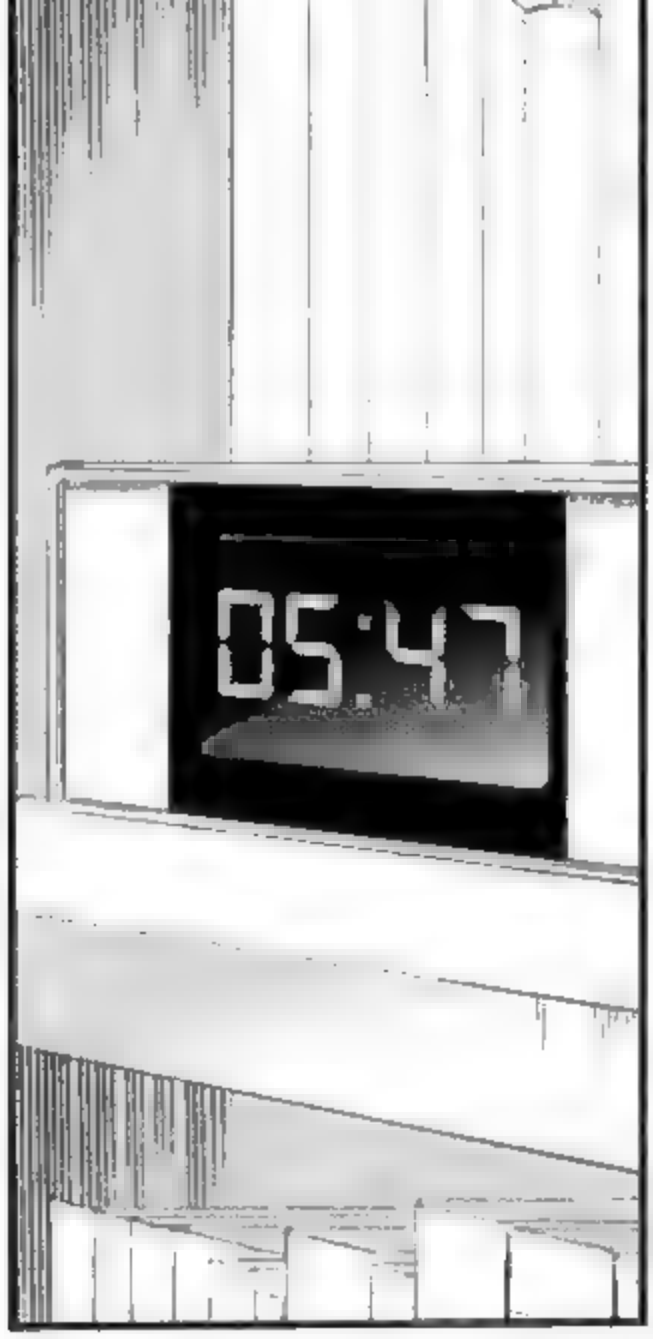
IT'S JUST LUST, WHAT ELSE...

Hahan

Sigh

...WITH DAMNED THOPMSONS...

my jaw hurts.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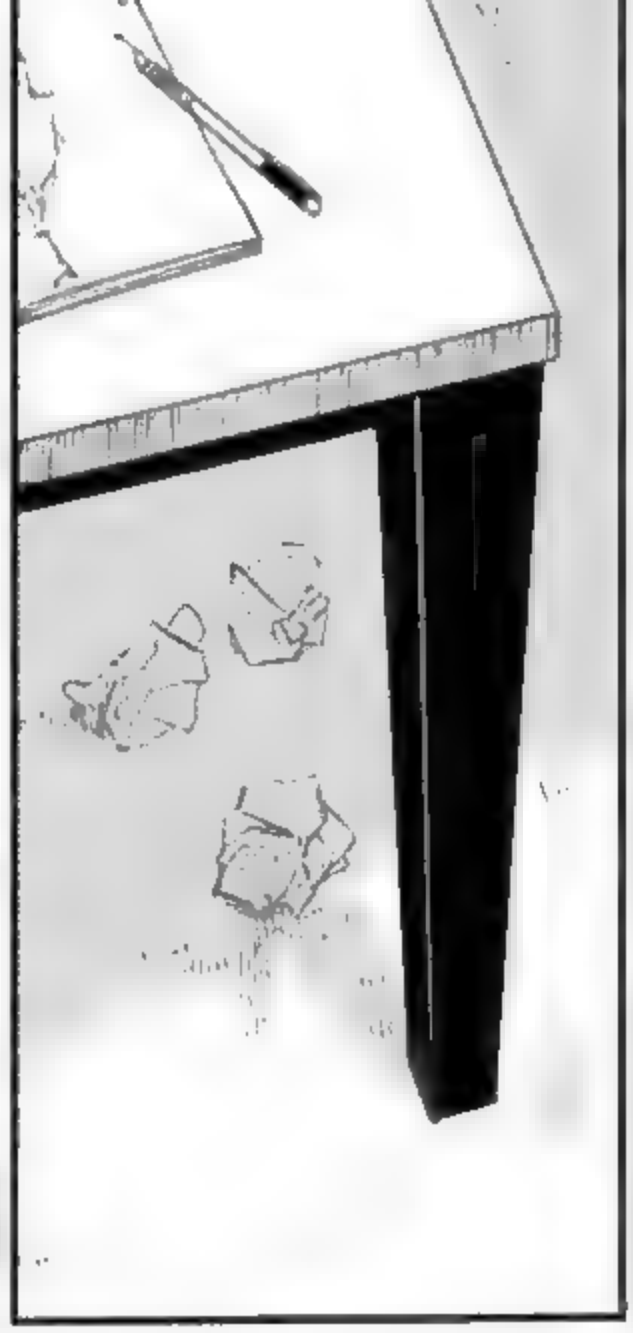

...o
THEO!
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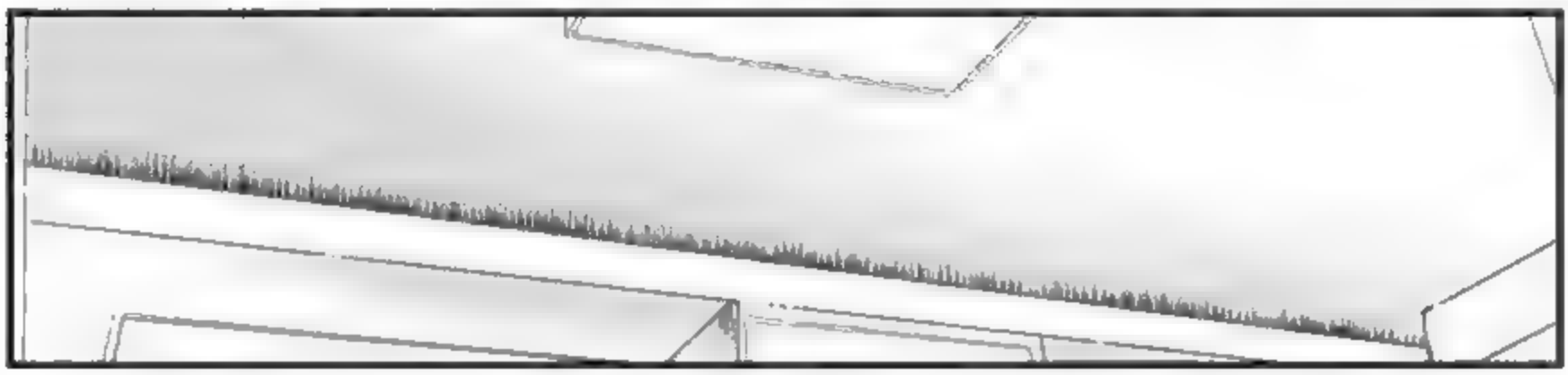
Blink



I COULDN'T SLEEP AGAIN...

I DIDN'T EVEN GET AN HOUR'S NAP.

These obscene thoughts just won't leave my mind.

Ever since we did that stuff at school,

He said it's something Nick liked,

But there was no need to actually do it with me, was there?

But I can't read what he's thinking at all.

I thought he was just childish and immature,

POOF

HE KEEPS HANGING AROUND WITH ME...

IF I CAN EVEN CALL IT THAT...

HE WAS NICK'S BOYFRIEND,

BUT DOES HE LIKE ME AFTER ALL...?

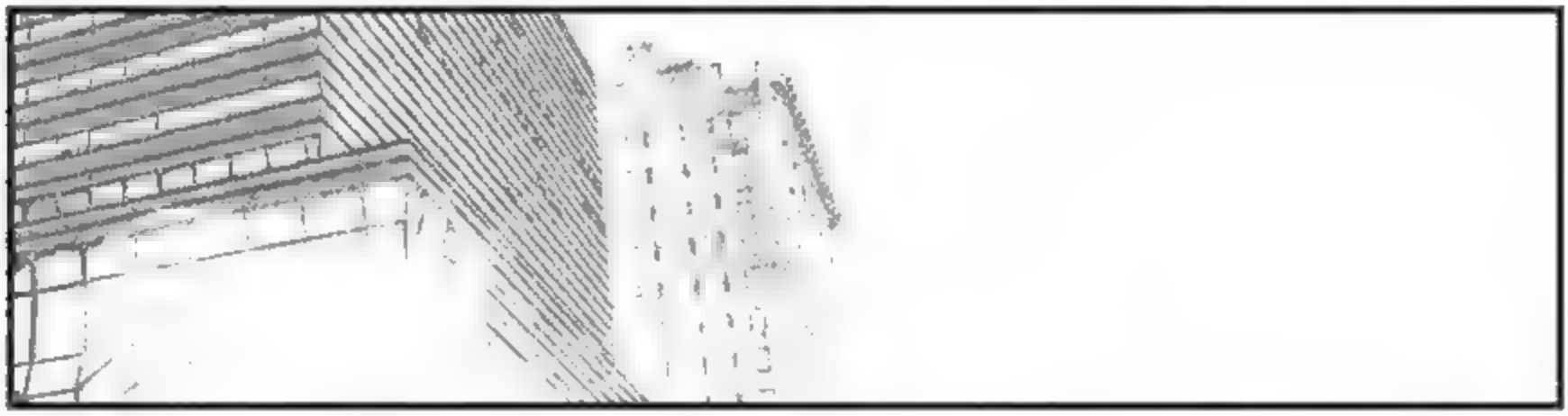
...NO WAY HE WOULD.

NO ONE WOULD EVER LIKE *ME*.

Did brother also feel so bad and helpless when they broke up?

I'd think he's above such feelings.

Ding



I'LL HELP YOU WITH YOUR WORK WHEN I'M BACK, PLEASE!

EH, OKAY. GOT IT.

REALLY? I'LL PAY YOU BACK! T.T

HEY.

!!

STARTLE

(He was aiming for the sole)

STOMP

Of course you startled me...!

I thought I'd fall!

SURE ...?

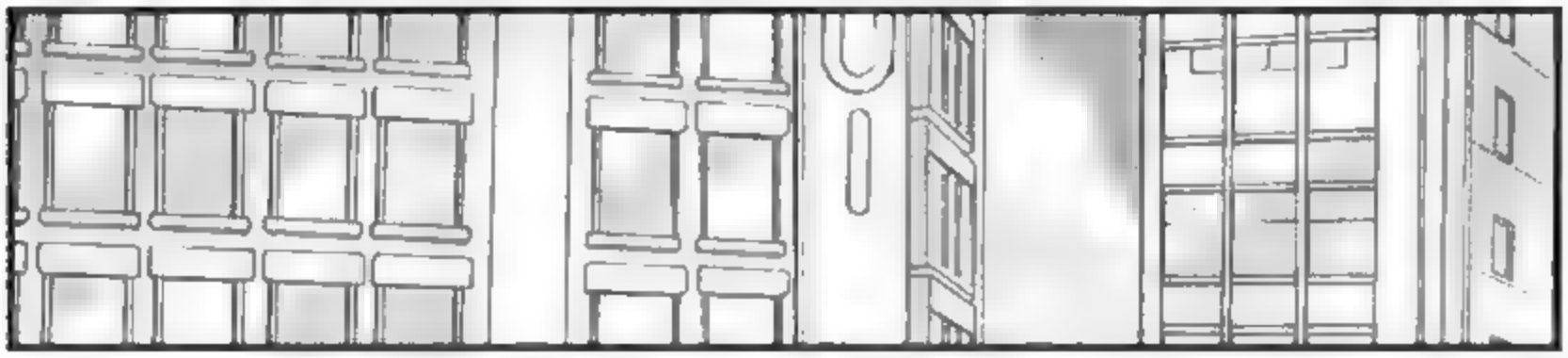
GOT TIME?

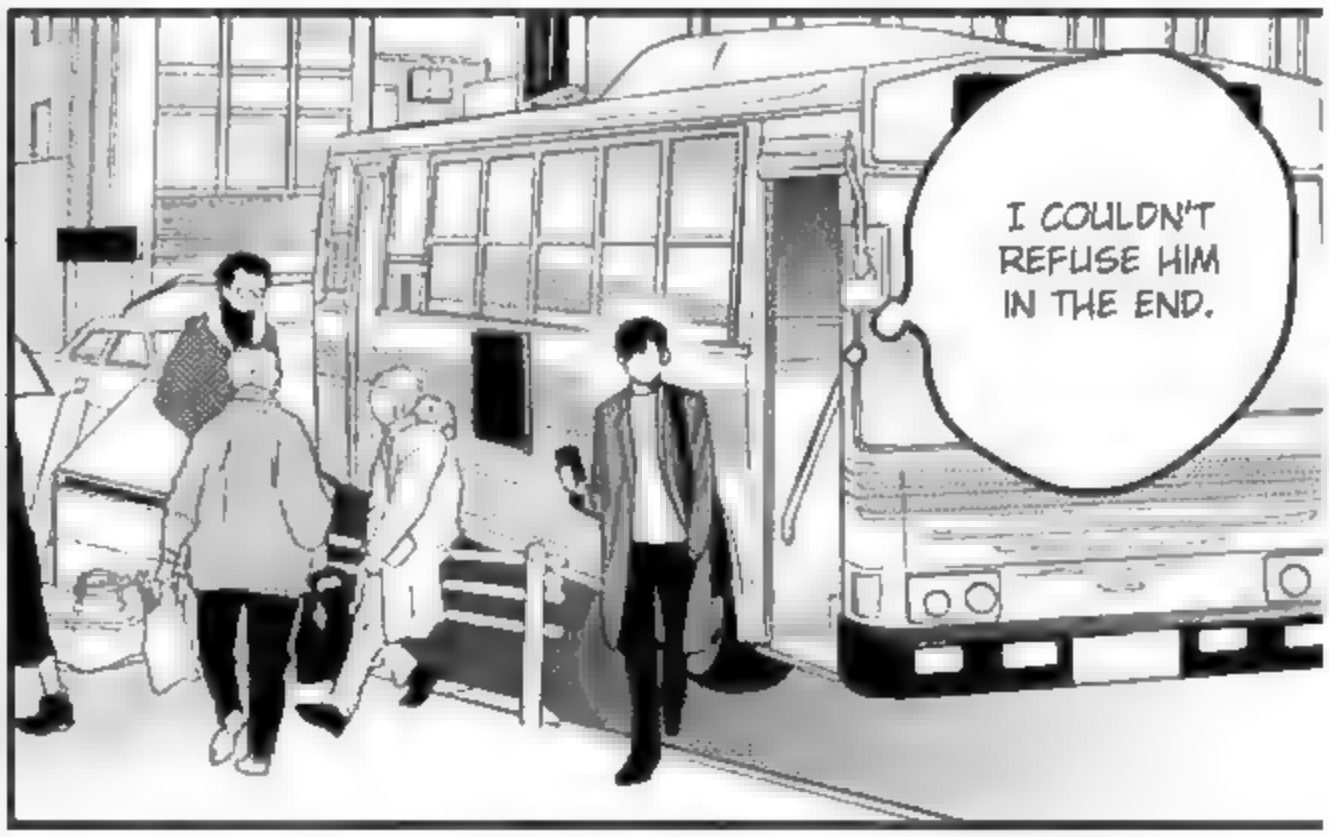
Did I startle you?

sorry.

WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THE LECTURES FOR TODAY,

COME BY MY HOUSE AND HELP ME OUT WITH WORK.





YOU'RE HERE?

CLANG!

COME ON IN.

GOOD YOU DIDN'T GET LOST.

AND THAT'S ALL YOU NEEDED MY HELP FOR?!

SNAP

That startled me.

WELL,

BUT TO BE HONEST I DON'T HAVE THAT MANY EITHER, MUCH LESS ANYONE I COULD TURN TO WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

YOU SAY YOU DON'T HAVE FRIENDS,

AND ALSO...

IS IT?

THAT'S DIFFERENT.

BESIDES,

YOU'RE WRITING A NOVEL, RIGHT?

sigh

I WANTED TO SEE IF YOU'D COME IF I ASKED YOU.

IS ICED COFFEE OK?

LEAN

JUMP

LEMME SEE...

THEN HE COULD DO WHATEVER HE WANTS, EVEN IF IT'S NOT PROFITABLE.

...I FINISHED THIS PART.

OH.

Glance.

I THINK IT'S FINE.

Slide...

Nick,

Did you feel the same way when you looked at me?

Getting excited all on my own?

TWITCH

Was I a pitiful sight,

REDO JUST THAT LAST PARAGRAPH.

HEY,

TAP TAP

...

TAP TAP

TAP TAP

TAP

DID YOU FIND OUT? WHAT WAS IT THAT NICK SAW IN ME?

IT SEEMS YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT ME.

TAP TAP

TAP...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS THAT I WANTED TO KNOW IN THE FIRST PLACE.
IT'S MORE LIKE,

...
NO, I DIDN'T.
REALLY?

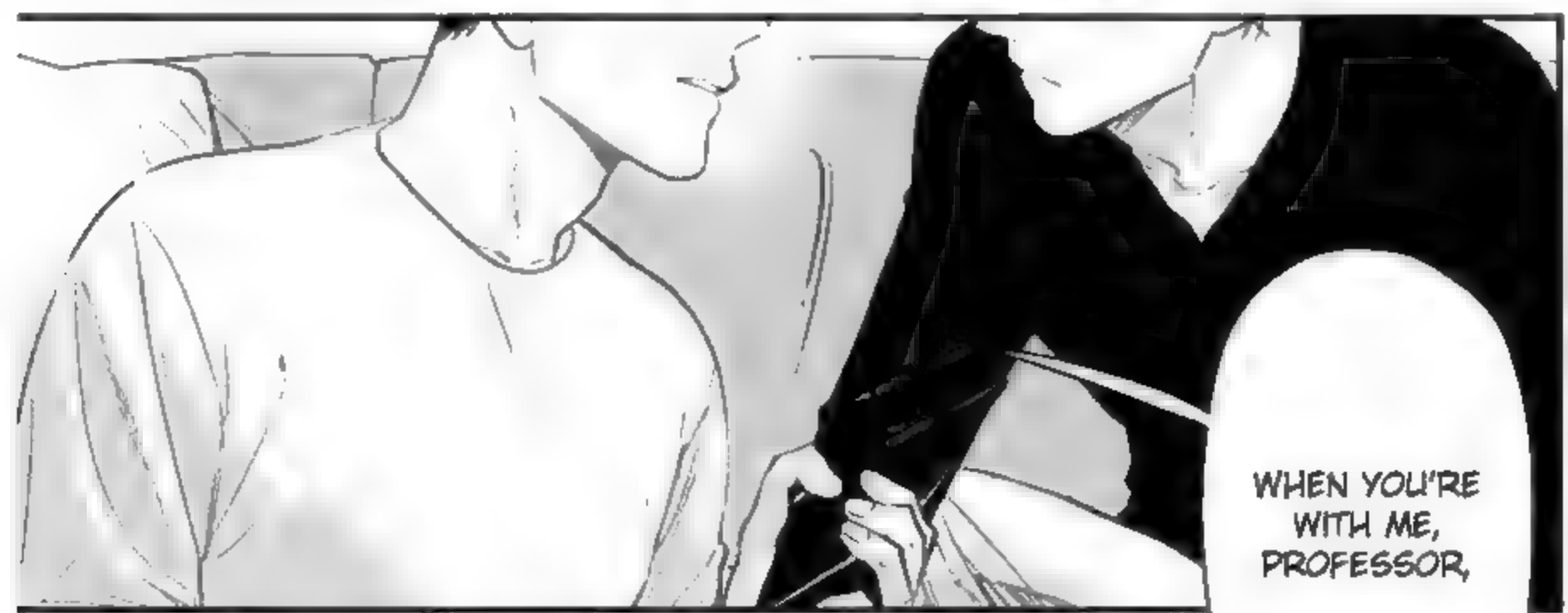
THESE LAST FEW DAYS, I'VE BEEN THINKING,

clank

THERE'S NO WAY I'D KNOW YOU THE WAY YOU WERE DURING ALL THAT TIME WITH HIM.
THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH I ACT LIKE MY BROTHER,
EVEN IF I DID EVERYTHING THAT HE'S DONE WITH YOU,

Exhale...

YOU GREW UP A LITTLE, DIDN'T YOU?
ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE UP IMITATING HIM?


WHEN YOU'RE WITH ME, PROFESSOR,

I WANT YOU TO BE YOURSELF THAT ONLY I KNOW.

WHAT, DID YOU FALL FOR ME BECAUSE OF ONE BLOWJOB?

WEREN'T YOU ONLY INTERESTED IN ME BECAUSE OF NICK?

THAT'S ODD...

I WANT IT ALL TO REMAIN THE SAME.

QUARRE-LLING,

DRINKING TOGETHER,

HUH, YOU KNEW?

DO YOU THINK I'M AN IDIOT?

EVEN NOW, YOU ONLY CALLED ME HERE TO WATCH ME FLUSTER, DIDN'T YOU?

I STILL THINK YOU'RE CHILDISH AND NOT VERY ADMIRABLE,

HOW COULD I BE MORE LIKE HIM, WONDERING WHAT'D HE DO AND HOW HE'D ACT...

ALL I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WAS MY BROTHER,

ALWAYS,

AND YET, I CAME.

...

BUT NOW,

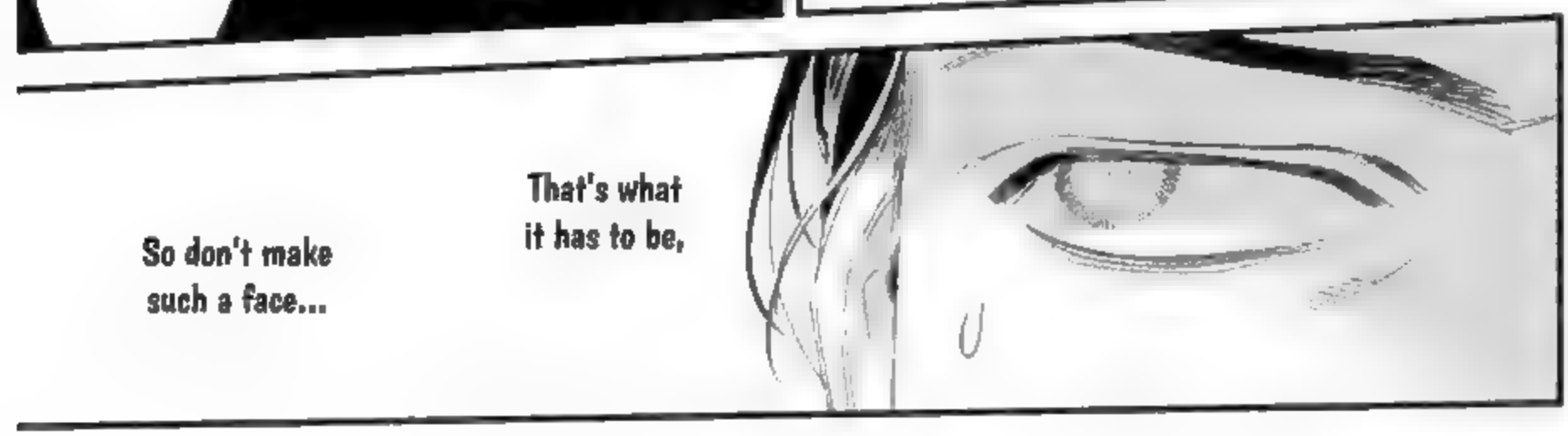
I SEE ...

SERI-OUSLY,

YOU'RE ALL I CAN THINK OF.

...YOUR LUST SPEAKING.

THAT'S JUST...



It's scary to even think about.

I'M JUST...

Did I make the same expressions in front of Nick?

I...

I'LL...
TALK TO HIM.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT NICK KNOWS THE SIDES OF ME THAT YOU DON'T, BECAUSE HE'S KNOWN ME LONGER.
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT?

NICK USUALLY AVOIDS CONTACTING ME, SO IT'LL BE MY FIRST CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM IN A WHILE.
WE'LL BE HAVING A FAMILY DINNER BEFORE THE WEDDING.

INSTEAD OF ASKING WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT MY BROTHER,

I wonder what will you do when you hear about my lie.

Nick,

I WANT TO ASK HIM...

...WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT YOU.

Will you laugh at me?

That's likely.

Though,

I'd rather you got angry...

NORMALLY,

ONE WOULDN'T ASK ABOUT PEOPLE'S EXES AT ALL, I THINK.

THEO LIKES COLD BEVERAGES.

LOUIS PREFERS THEM HOT.

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IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

INDEED.

OH, IT'S YOU THEO?

LONG TIME NO SEE, AUNT, UNCLE.

AM I WRONG THOUGH? JUST COMPARE THESE TWO.

IT'S ONE THING IF MAKES SOMETHING OF HIMSELF OR NOT, BUT I HOPE THAT AT LEAST HE WON'T SMEAR HIS BROTHER'S REPUTATION.

HE CAN HEAR YOU, DEAR.

HE BARELY GREETS US AND HE'S OFF. UN-SOCIABLE AS EVER.

YES, LET'S HAVE THIS MEETING TOMORROW.
THANKS.
YES. SEE YOU.
...

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

DID MOTHER TELL YOU I'M HERE?

YEAH.

I GREETED HER AND FATHER AND CAME HERE.

I'M DOING MY BEST, IN MY OWN WAY...

...

IT'S TOUGH TO GRADUATE FROM THERE THOUGH.

HOW IS IT GOING AT SCHOOL?

I HEARD YOU EN-ROLLED IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT AT THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS ME.

THAT'S GOOD.

HOWEVER...

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD ANY INTEREST IN ECONOMICS.

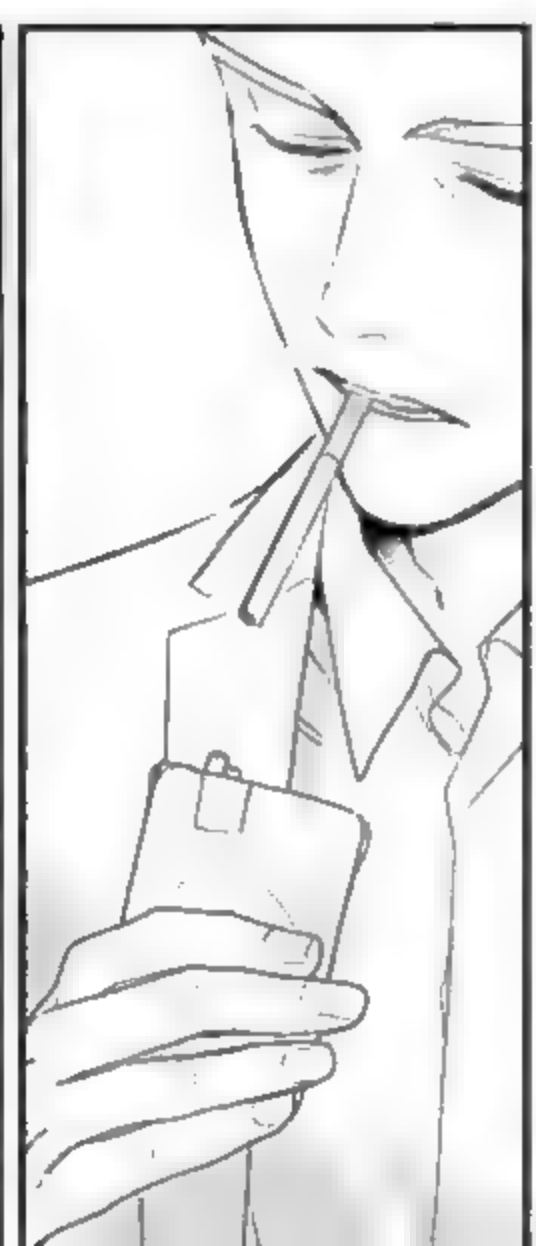
IS THAT SO.

SO FATHER SUGGESTED IT.
I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE I WANTED TO DO...

WELL, IT'S FINE, THERE ARE MANY GOOD TEACHERS IN THAT DEPARTMENT. I GUESS YOU'LL DO FINE THERE.
EVEN THOUGH YOU COULD DO ANYTHING ELSE...

LOUIS ALSO SMOKED THE SAME BRAND.

I HAVE TO ASK HIM...



HE'S A TEACHER AT THE UNIVERSITY, HE WAS IN THE SAME YEAR AS YOU.
HE SMOKES THE SAME BRAND.
THAT GUY...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

OF YOU?
IN FRONT...
HAS SMOKED...

YOU...
SPEAKING OF HIM, DID YOU...
AFTER A LECTURE.
I'VE SEEN HIM SMOKE OUTSIDE,
WHAT'S WRONG?

TO THIS DAY?

YOU STILL DIDN'T GET RID OF YOUR STALKING HABIT?

BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO ASK NOW.

SO I WAS... JUST CURIOUS.

NO... IT'S ONLY THAT YOU DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT WHO YOU'RE MARRYING,

WAS THE TALK ABOUT FATHER'S ADVICE JUST AN EXCUSE? DID YOU ONLY ENTER THAT UNIVERSITY TO GET CLOSER TO LOUIS?

IS IT BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE USED TO DATE?

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ATTEND THE LECTURES. WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR TEACHER?

...THEO.
I ONLY GOT TO KNOW ABOUT LOUIS AFTER I ENROLLED.
I WASN'T LYING ABOUT FATHER.

SO I WAS HOPING THAT SOMEHOW, YOU'D HAVE BECOME A DECENT PERSON BY NOW.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE LAST MET.
...
I'M TRYING.

I KNOW I'M NO MATCH FOR YOU AND THAT EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY CONSIDERS ME A FAILURE.

THAT'S WHY I WAS TRYING TO GET CLOSER TO YOU...

Splat

NOTHING'S CHANGED, YOU'RE STILL A SCUM.

DEAR BROTHER,

STOP EXCUSING YOUR OBSESSION WITH ME,

AND GET THE HELL AWAY FROM LOUIS.

HE'S NOT YOUR LEAGUE ANYWAY.

WHAT?
...EVEN THOUGH HE DUMPED YOU.
THAT'S ONE THING I WOULDN'T WANT TO REPEAT AFTER YOU.

CATCH ME IF YOU-

OUCH!

ドン

WAAAH!

!

...

...

THIS MISTER OPENED THE DOOR QUICKLY AND HE BUMPED INTO IT.

UEEE

WAAH!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO RUN! WHAT HAP-PENED?!

DOES IT HURT?

Sob

OH MY!

I'M SURE IT'LL HEAL QUICKLY IF YOU EAT SOME OF THE DELICIOUS CAKE DOWNSTAIRS, HOW ABOUT IT?

THERE THERE, IT JUST GOT A BIT RED, YOU'LL BE FINE.

UHUH ...

I want some too!

WHAT'S WITH HIM, SERIOUSLY.

HE DOESN'T RESEMBLE YOU AT ALL, NICK.

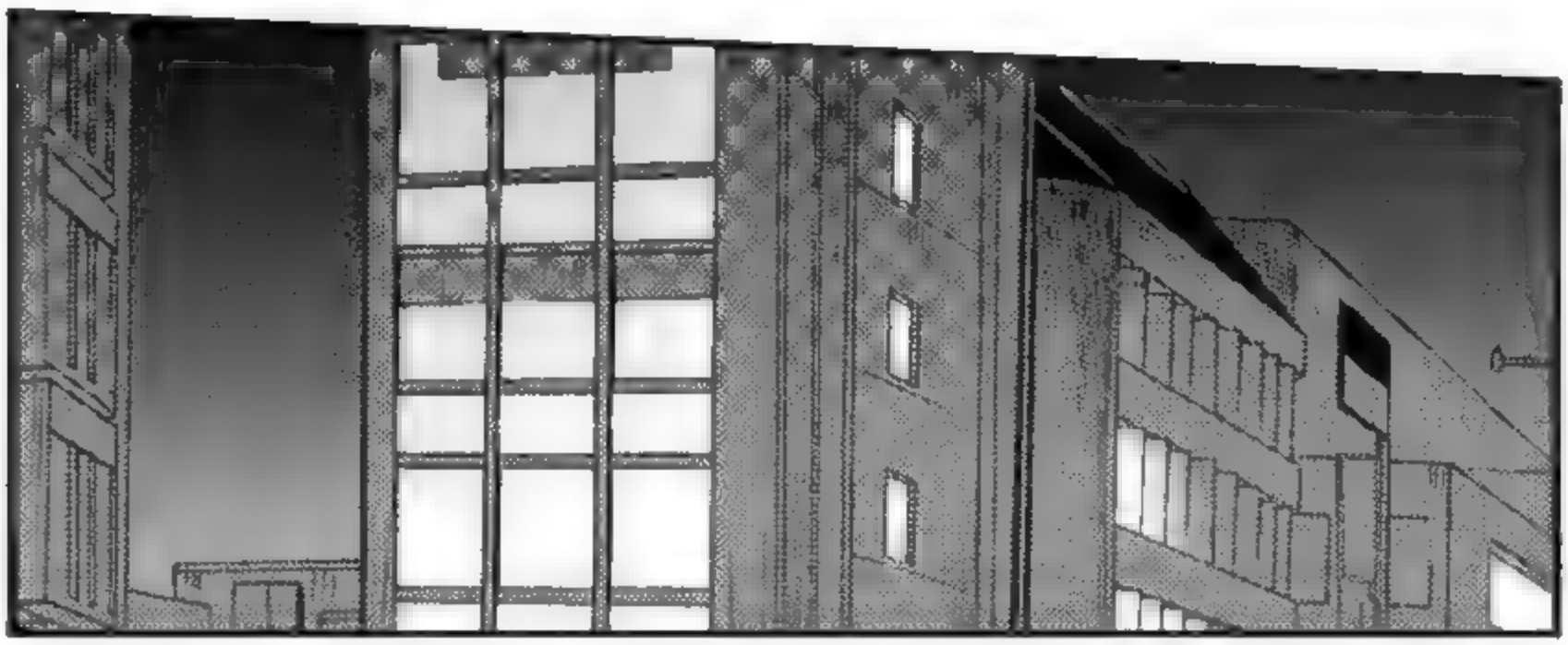
NOT EVEN ONE 'SORRY'.

HE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

Do they have ice cream too?

Let's check!

I WONDER ...



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Tap

Tap

Tap...

Silence

BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE, WOULDN'T HE CONTACT ME?

RIGHT ABOUT NOW, THEO'S PROBABLY TALKING ABOUT IT ALL WITH NICK.

I have so much to do and I can't even focus!

Ugh.

THIS SUCKS!

LIKE A STINK IN THE ROOM.

THEY MIGHT BE AVOIDING MY TOPIC COMPLE-TELY.

FUCK.

...HE WON'T BE STICKICKNG AROUND AFTER THAT...

I GUESS ...

...

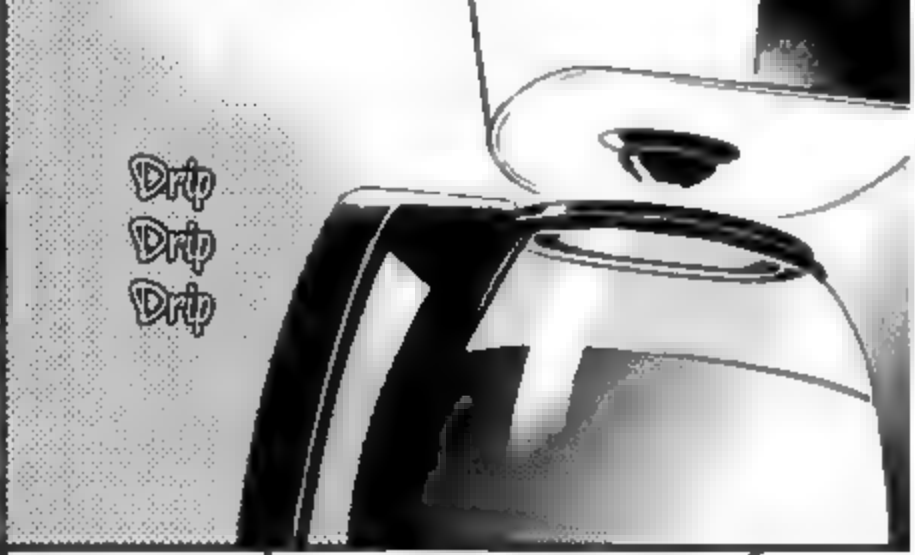
LONG TIME NO SEE,
LOUIS.

MAY I COME IN?

6:30
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
bonus episode

Beep
Let's take a little throwback to the first chapter.
Morning, the first day of academic year.

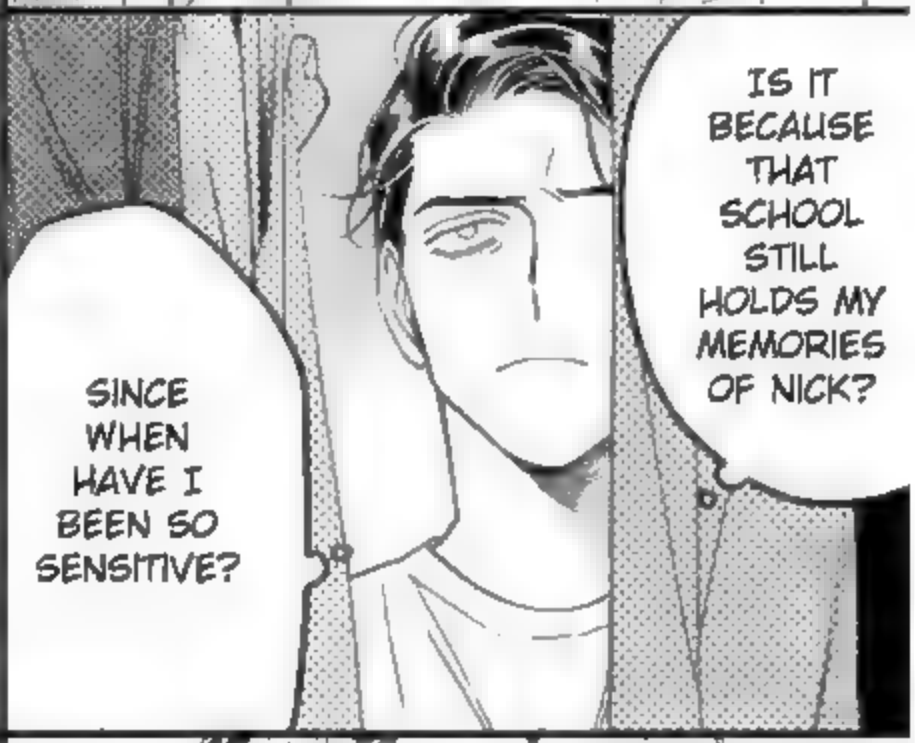
Sizzle


Drip
Drip
Drip

Brrr

I COULDN'T SLEEP WELL FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS.
I'M TIRED...

Father
Don't cause any trouble.


SINCE WHEN HAVE I BEEN SO SENSITIVE?
IS IT BECAUSE THAT SCHOOL STILL HOLDS MY MEMORIES OF NICK?

...
MAYBE I SHOULD FIND...
ANOTHER PLACE TO TEACH AT.

THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME IF I GO BY BUS.

I'LL GO BY BUS TODAY.

WELL WHATEVER.

I SHOULDN'T GET SO NERVOUS ABOUT IT.

I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.

LATER I HAVE TO CONTACT THE LANDLORD,

ORDER DRY CLEANING,

PREPARE THE LESSONS...

AND SEND E-MAILS...

Excuse me...

AND I SHOULD COME BY B-UNI OFFICE,

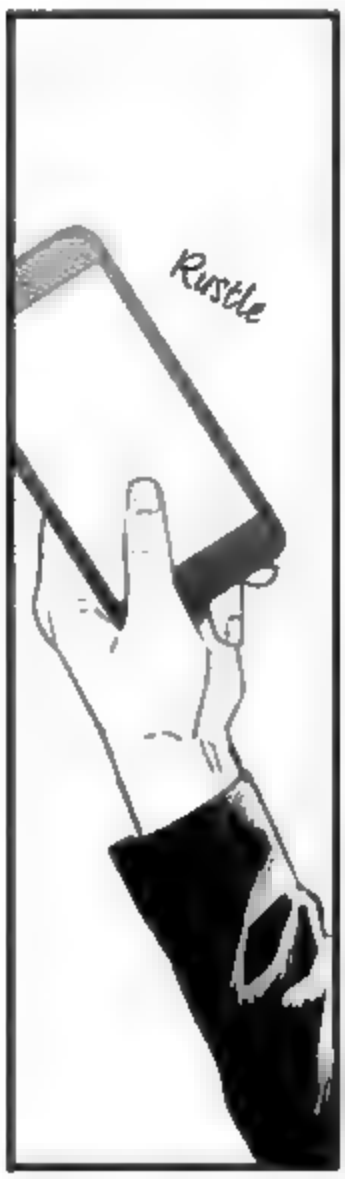
I HAVE THAT TASK FROM THE PROFESSOR TO DO,

LET'S TAKE A NAP UNTIL THE BUS ARRIVES.

.....

A SCHOOL BAG...
NCC

A TEACHER THEN?
HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A STUDENT.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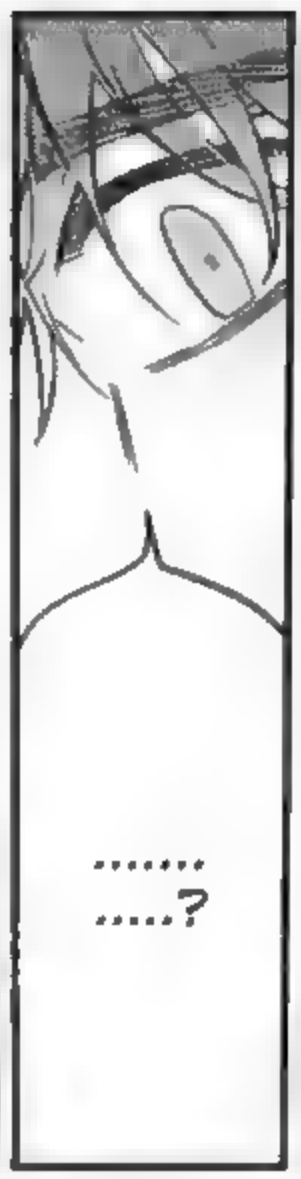
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...

I'LL WAKE HIM UP WHEN WE ARRIVE.
SHUFFLE
MM...

.....

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I'VE SEEN THAT FACE BEFORE...
ISN'T HE THAT PERSON?

THIS GUY?!

SNORE

HEY THERE!

THAT'S HOW YOU GET TARGETED

BY PICK-POCKETS!

...

EVEN IF HE HAD HIS WALLET STOLEN,

HE'D PROBABLY JUST ASK NICK TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Z

WELL,

STOMP

VROOM

Glance

Sigh

'SCUSE ME.

THIS STOP IS——

VROOM

Badump

WHAT WAS THAT?
AH
I MISSED MY STOP...

BUT I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE'S STARING AT ME.
?
I'M PROBABLY JUST TIRED...

END

OMAKE

What if they were all in the same grade...?

THERE'D BE NO NEED TO LIE

We broke up with Nick.

Sigh

IT'D BE EASIER TO RANT TO EACH OTHER

IF THEY WERE THE SAME AGE...

AND IT'D BE EASIER TO HEAL WITH ANOTHER.

Badump

Forget about him! I'll be with you!

YOUTH WOULD CONQUER THE HEARTBREAK,

FASTER PLOT DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE POSSIBLE!

THAT MEANS!

Dishonest with feelings

Exhausted

Lots to worry about

Guilty conscience

Sucks at talking to people

Can't get a relationship even with his peers.

BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT WENT.

AND DATE IN A THREE-SOME?
THAT'D WORK, RIGHT?
HOW ABOUT WE MAKE UP,

You'd be fine with that?
Never mind me, but aren't you two brothers?
Huh, so that's a no?
?
NOPE

NO MATTER HOW BUSY WITH STUDIES, NICK WAS ALWAYS PERFECTLY GROOMED AND ORGANIZED.
LOUIS WAS NOT.
I'm so worn out.
END

あとがき

こんにちは、CTKです。
以前お会いしたことのある方も、はじめましての方も
この度は「NEVER GOOD ENOUGH」1巻を
お手に取っていただきありがとうございます。
単巻じゃないシリーズのコミックスで
お目にかかるのは今回が初めてでございます。

いろいろと足りないところの多いやつらですが
これからの続きも期待してくださると嬉しいです。

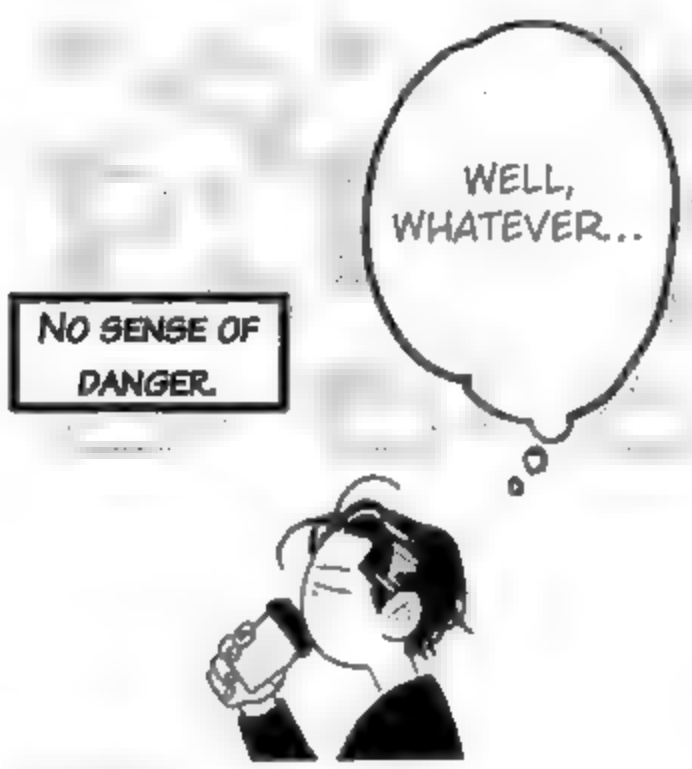
Special thanks to
担当F様、翻訳R家様

BGM
Billie Eilish
—Everything I wanted

AND HOW DID YOU KNOW HOW I LIKE MY COFFEE?
IS THIS TO BRIBE ME? IT WON'T WORK.

HUH, WHAT?
HERE YOU ARE.

Heh


WELL, WHATEVER...
NO SENSE OF DANGER.

And what's with that all-knowing smile?
I WASN'T PRAISING YOU, YOU KNOW...
What are you, a stalker?

END

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『兄にそうしたように
俺にも
足開いてくれます？』

長年付き合っていた恋人に
振られたばかりのルイの前に、
元恋人の弟・テオが現れた。
傷心中にもかかわらず
不躾に詰寄ってくるテオに苛立ち
ルイは「兄を犯ったのは俺だ」と言い放つ。
次の瞬間、それをきっかけに
テオに付きまとわれるはめに。
嘘がバレれば終わる関係。周囲にそれを悟られまいと
キモチ悪うるさいだけのテオ。
テオの執着の矛先は
いつしかルイへと向かいはじめ――

episode 7
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE.
ARE YOU DOING WELL?
WHY...
ARE YOU HERE?

I AM BUSY, SO STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH ALREADY.

ARE YOU BUSY WITH WORK?

DON'T BE SO COLD.

ARE YOU SERIOUSLY TELLING ME THAT?

YOU GUESSED IT?

OF COURSE I DID, YOU-!

YOU SENT THAT MESSAGE A WHILE BACK ON PURPOSE, DIDN'T YOU!

Even though he broke up with me the way he did,

I still can't get angry when I see him smile.

WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?

IT WAS PLAIN MALICE!

I JUST REALLY FELT LIKE TEASING YOU A LITTLE.

THAT WAS A BIT CHILDISH OF ME, HUH?

?

IT'S NOT ANYWHERE CLOSE TO YOUR WAY BACK.

I THOUGHT I'D CHECK UP ON YOU ON ALONG THE WAY.

WE HAD AN EXTENDED FAMILY DINNER TODAY.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I CAME HERE ON PURPOSE.

AH, YOU'VE SEEN THROUGH THAT TOO?

LOUIS, DID YOU FUCK THEO?

HOW,

WELL, UNLESS YOU BECAME A HEAVY SMOKER EVER SINCE WE BROKE UP.

...

IS IT ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS?

OF COURSE IT'S MY BUSINESS LOUIS!

LOUIS.
DON'T WAVER.
DON'T ADD YOUR OWN MEA-NINGS.
...!!
WHAT ...
...IS IT?

THEO'S NOT NORMAL.

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING SERIOUSLY WRONG WITH HIM?

YOU MUST'VE FELT IT TOO!

IT'S BAD FOR YOU TO EVEN HANG OUT WITH HIM.

HE'S JUST HIDING HIS TRUE SELF.

WELL, HE IS A BIT OF AN ODDBALL, BUT I WOULDN'T GO AS FAR TO SAY THAT...

WHAT?

EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE,

HE'S BEEN OBSESSED WITH ME.

HE'S...

I WAS ALMOST AN ADULT,

AND THERE WAS ONLY SO MUCH A KID COULD DO.

WELL, IT WASN'T ANYTHING SERIOUS BACK THEN.

THAT'S JUST...

UNTIL THAT ONE INCIDENT.

YEAH.

YOU PROBABLY KNOW THAT I WAS DOING RUGBY IN HIGH SCHOOL.

AND IT SO HAPPENED...

ACTUALLY, THERE WAS THIS TIME WHEN I BROKE MY ARM DURING TRAINING...

THAT HE LATER CAME HOME WITH THE SAME INJURY.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

THAT'S HOW FAR THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID WENT TO IMITATE ME!

IT WAS NO SCRATCH, HE REALLY HAD HIS ARM BROKEN.

SUCH EPISODES PILED UP WITH TIME.

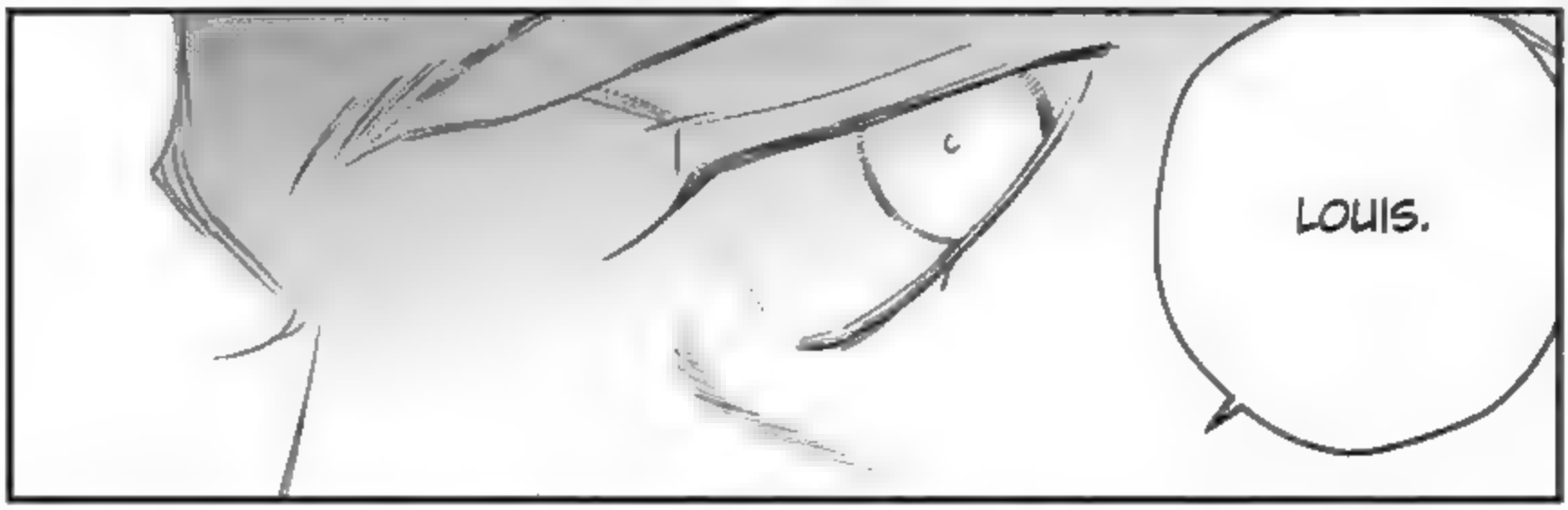
THAT HE WAS INTENTLY WATCHING EVERY LITTLE DETAIL OF MY LIFE.

AND THEN I CAME TO REALIZE...

IN THE END FATHER ENDED UP SENDING HIM AWAY TO A BOARDING SCHOOL JUST TO SEPARATE US.

Sigh

NOW HE'S BACK TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY BUT...



HOWEVER,

I CAN'T JUST OVER-LOOK IT IF I KNOW THAT THE GUY IS POSING A THREAT TO YOU.

BUT I DON'T WANT HIS OBSESSION WITH ME,

TO BECOME A TROUBLE TO YOU.

SINCE WE BROKE UP.

I THINK I KNOW WHY YOU'D GO AFTER THEO,

I THOUGHT HE'D BE MORE EMOTIONAL ABOUT IT...

I GUESS NOT...

...

TAKE MY ADVICE HERE.

SO,

LOUIS,

I THOUGHT HE ONLY HAD A BIT OF A COMPLEX TOWARDS NICK.

IT DOES SOUND HORRIBLE.

And now Nick caught on to his interest and came to warn me about it.

Because of the lie, Theo got interested in me.

Because of that, I lied to Theo to nurse my wounded pride.

Nick broke up with me.

PROFE-SSOR,

IT'S ME, THEO!

Why now of all time...!

Clang

WAIT!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

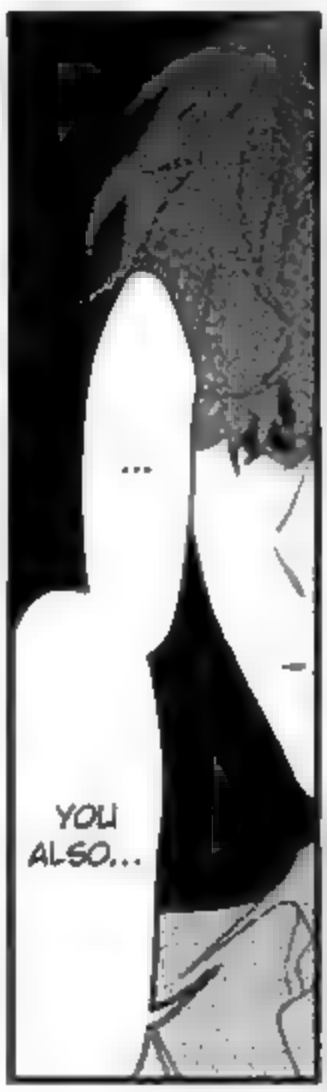
SO HE ALREADY KNOWS WHERE YOU LIVE?

!

WELL, I THOUGHT HE MIGHT COME HERE.

!

Step back
BRO-THER...
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?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YOU ALSO...

YOU'RE GETTING DELUSIONAL ABOUT YET ANOTHER PERSON, IS WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO KEEP AWAY FROM HIM?

!

IT WAS THE OTHER WAY ROUND.

I WASN'T DUMPED.

BUT IT SEEMED LIKE A CRUCIAL CONCERN TO YOU.

I THINK IT'S INFANTILE TO DWELL WHO BROKE UP WITH WHOM IN AN ADULT RELATIONSHIP,

NICK...

YOU JUST HAD TO...

HE'LL ...

... SCORN ME NOW, HUH.

AND APPARENTLY YOU BOUGHT THAT.

YOU DON'T MEAN ANYTHING TO HIM.

I'LL TELL YOU STRAIGHT.

LOUIS LIED TO YOU.

HE WAS ANGRY AT ME AND NEEDED TO TAKE IT OUT ON SOMEONE.

DISAPPOINT-
ING, RIGHT?

I'M A BORING
GUY JUST
LIKE YOU
THOUGHT
WHEN YOU
FIRST MET
ME.

Glint

I'M
GOING...

THEO.

YOU COME IN.

SLAM!

DON'T SHOW HIM..
...I MADE BACK THEN.
...THE SAME
EXPRE-SSION...
IT'S TRUE, WHAT HE SAID.
I LIED FROM THE START.

THEO...

UH, YOU'RE NOT HURT NOW, ARE YOU?
DIDN'T YOU GET INTERESTED IN ME BECAUSE OF NICK TOO?

RI...

?!

THUMP!

MPH...

WAIT ...

THAT'S RIGHT.

IT WAS,

BECAUSE OF NICK.

HE'S PROBABLY STILL BY THE DOOR...

WHAT IS IT ALL OF THE SUDDEN?

PUSH AWAY

EVEN IF YOU LIED TO ME,

DIDN'T YOU JUST CHOOSE ME OVER HIM?

BUT NOW,

IT'S DIFFERENT.

EH?

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